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A WINTER-NIGHT STORM.

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No moon, no stars; the sky is blind
And human eyes are powerless. Hark!
Along the shore the savage wind
Bays like a bloodhound through the dark.
God save all sailors everywhere,
Who face to-night the driving sleet
In ships that 'gainst the sworded air
Faintly their frozen pinions beat.
On rock-bound coasts, in desperate plight,
Brave hearts the cruel tempest hide,
Where ravenous waves, with tusks of white,
Tear the black gloom through which they ride.
Graves, storm-scooped in the weltering waste,
Are yawning now on lake and sea;
Entombed alive, the tempest-chased
Go down where the drowned myriads be.
Upon the plains gaunt emigrants
In dreary camps drear councils hold,
The wolf each foodless wagon haunts—
The wolf—and Famine, Fear and Cold!
To-night from blue and shivering lips
Prayers, heard of God alone, arise
In fireless homes, in staggering ships,
Wherever misery lives—or dies.
Shall we, beside our hearthstones bright,
While many a hapless human wail
Is harried by the storm to-night,
Be only glad that we are safe?
No; let the storm this lesson teach
Above the roar of wave and wind:
"As God to thee, be thou to each
Of his afflicted children kind."

THE ANANIAS OF THE FORKS.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY BERTHA B. MASON.

If I live a thousand years I know I shall never forget the expression of little Judge Dunlop's usually expressionless face when he heard Sam Yelverton say to his brother in the law, Tom Y. Pickens:

"Tom, I'll bet \$100 the jury will bring in a verdict of Not Guilty."
It was at the dinner-table in the big parlor of Driscoll's Tombigbee Hotel, the only house of entertainment at the county seat of Greene, State of Alabama. It was court week, and Eutaw was crowded. As was his custom, the landlord had set apart his big parlor for the use of distinguished guests, among whom he always reckoned the judges, the lawyers, the sheriff, and such members of the Legislature as might be in town at the time. The untitled and unprofessional customers took their meals in the common dining-room.

There were about fifteen of us at table, and little Judge Dunlop sat in state at the head, with a member of the Legislature at his right, and an ex-member at his left. The rest of us were plain lawyers, old, young and middle-aged. Court had begun that morning, four or five unimportant cases had been decided, and we all looked forward with much interest to the developments in the next, which would be called after dinner. It was The People vs. Jonas Topticket, a case of life and death, the defendant being held and charged as guilty of murder in the first degree.

It was after a little desultory conversation over the dessert that Sam Yelverton broke the sober, serious and painfully monotonous dullness with his offer to wager \$100 that Jonas Topticket would be acquitted. Sam was counsel for the accused.

"Mr. Yelverton," said the little Judge, with a very strong emphasis on the opening word of his address, and with the wrinkles in his yellow face puffed up till they looked very much like a succession of ice-bobs ready for service—"Mr. Yelverton, it does not comport, sir, with the dignity of your profession, nor is it, sir, strictly in keeping with the duty of a gentleman in company with other gentlemen—many of them distinguished in the law—to—in other words, to make a bet, sir. That is, a bet on a question not connected with a horse-race. You will excuse the re—"

"All right, Judge," said Yelverton with refreshing alacrity; "I accept your apology, so handsomely offered, and furthermore, since you are interested, I'll bet you another hundred that the jury bring in a verdict of not guilty in less than fifteen minutes."

This rejoinder well nigh upset the little Judge. Familiarity such as this from any other limb of the law he would have considered equal in atrocity to contempt of court; but Sam was the only son of the Judge's foster-brother, the wealthiest planter in the county, and, besides, the Judge knew that the young lawyer, outside the court-room, looked upon judges in very much the same light as jurors, witnesses and other ordinary mortals, and would as soon crack a joke upon the extra-judicial headpiece as upon the metal knob of a pump-handle. The fact was that, when not on the bench, the little Judge was in mortal dread of Sam Yelverton, despite the fact that he loved him as dearly as though Sam were his own son.

He glanced reproachfully at Sam, and, looking at his watch, begged to be excused; then arose with dignity, bowed with courtesy and retired. In a few moments the little cracked bell in the court-house cupola sent forth its brazen peal, the people flocked in, the jurymen took their seats, and the business of the day began again.

When the case next on the docket was called, the prisoner, Jonas Topticket, was brought in and seated next to his counsel within the bar. The usual formula having been observed, the first witness, Jeremiah Updegrave, was called. He knew the prisoner.

"Yes, sah," had known him sense he war born."

"What do you know of this case, Mr. Updegrave?" asked Dan Elton, the grizzled District-attorney.

"All I know, sah, is dis heah," said Mr. Updegrave, marking time with his head and one hand; "I have knowed Jonas Topticket sense

he war bawn—nigh onto forty year ago. He war a chance chile, sah. Nobody nevah knowed who his father war, an' he war so ornary that most folks bleaved he nevah had none. Of cose, he had a mother, but soon arter he wuz bawn she clared out an' left her chile behine. He wuz taken keer of by —"

"We don't want his history, Mr. Updegrave," said the Judge. "Tell what you know of the murder."

"Well, as I war a sayin', dis heah Mose Ambrose what war killed war a nigh neighbor of mine out by Bush Creek. Him an' Jonas wuzer be together pooty much all the time, fishin', coon-huntin' an' ceterer. Whar one wuz you'd sometimes ginally a'ways fine tother one, 'thout he wuz drunk, an' even then they wouldn't be very fur apart. 'Bout fo' month ago Mose didn't turn up. He kep an' he kep an' he kep outer sight, an' nobody didn't seem to know whar he wuz. Jonas he kep outer sight, too; but one day he come along, an' I sez, sez I, 'Jonas, whar's Mose?' sez I. Jonas sez 'Damfino,' he sez, an' that wuz all. Nex day news come 'at Mose Ambrose's body had been foun' in the woods over by Twin Chicken Hill, an' that's all I know about the murder."

Simon Parsons testified that a year before Mose's death he (Mose) and Jonas had a quarrel over a coon-skin, and that in the course of the quarrel Jonas had threatened to swap Mose off for a yellow dog and then shoot the dog. This was all he knew about the murder. He knew Jonas Topticket. He was such a liar that he couldn't tell the truth if he tried. Wouldn't believe him under oath. "No, sah."

Two witnesses testified to finding Mose Ambrose's body in the Chinquapin Woods joining Col. Dayton's farm, over by Twin Chicken Hill. They knew it was Mose Ambrose by the color of the hair, a sort of a mixture of pea-green and yellow, and by the fact that on the right hand of the body there were six fingers instead of the regulation five.

Then came the coroner who held the inquest and the justice-of-the-peace before whom Jonas was brought, and who committed him to the county-jail. The testimony of the coroner amounted to nothing further than that he had held an inquest over the body of a man who had been dead a month, if not more, and that the jury had found a verdict of death from causes unknown. That of the justice-of-the-peace, however, was of much greater import. He, Squire Amos Skillman, a quiet, common-sense old gentleman, took the stand, and in answer to various questions deposed as follows:

"I supposed at first that Topticket was brought before me as a mere matter of form, because he was the last person seen with Mose, and I put to him two or three common questions, which he answered naturally and without any apparent desire to conceal anything. But as I was about discharging him he leaned over toward me, and said very solemnly: 'Squire, I killed Mose.' I had him taken to jail, and then I told Lawyer Yelverton about it, and he said he would defend the man, with the certainty of clearing him in spite of any confession he might make."

Divested of all technical details, of interest only to lawyers, my story narrows itself down to a few facts which psychologists may find of value.

The evidence against Jonas Topticket was of the most trivial character. He and Ambrose had disappeared together. At the end of four months he had returned, but his companion was not again seen alive. Immediately after Jonas' reappearance Mose's body was found. No marks of violence were to be seen upon it, and there was no evidence to show that Jonas had anything to do with his companion's taking-off. This brings us up to the point at which Jonas was called to testify for or against himself, as he might elect. His counsel took but little part in the trial, asking few questions and making no exceptions. This gave rise to much speculation on the part of the people in the court-room, all of whom knew Sam Yelverton as one of the most energetic and painstaking members of the Greene County bar. At intervals he would leave his case to take care of itself, and, passing through the throng, would walk out into the street and into the tavern, always in company with a stout man whom none of the good people of Greene seemed to know. What did this mean?

At about three o'clock the prosecution rested;



MISS HELEN DAUVRAY, ACTRESS.

and it was high time, for the District-attorney, having had all the talking to do, was tired.

"Your Honor and gentlemen of the jury," said Sam Yelverton, "as we have but two witnesses, we shall soon be able to close the case against us, unless my learned friend, the District-attorney, desires to keep you here to listen to his charming eloquence. Jonas Topticket will take the stand."

Jonas Topticket, the man who had confessed to the murder! And his own counsel call him as a witness! Verily, thought the homespun dwellers in the Forkland, this promises to be a very remarkable case.

"Now, Jonas Topticket," said Sam Yelverton as his client took his seat in the witness-chair, "tell the jury all that you wish to tell in regard to the death of Mose Ambrose."

Every eye was fixed upon the long, lean, lopsided creature now making ready to testify himself either to death or to a life-long imprisonment, and every ear was set to hear what he should say.

"Ef I don't tell the truth, Squire, what'll be done with me?" said Jonas, with an uneasy look. "You will go to jail," said his counsel.

"What jail?" said Jonas. "The one what —" "Stop!" thundered the lawyer. "Tell what you know, and tell the truth."

"Ef I tell the truth —" Here two of the jurors, who had been for some time threatening to explode, could no longer restrain themselves. They burst into a short but loud guffaw, which was taken up by two or three men in the audience, then by a dozen more, and in less than a second the whole court-room was in a roar. Order was restored after some little time, but it was plainly seen by the twichings and forceful contortions of half the faces under the roof that only a hint was needed to set everybody off again.

Jonas was not permitted to finish his statement, but was ordered to go on with his question.

"Me an' Mose was fixin' for a coon-hunt, an' I sez to Mose, sez I —"

"It war the day arter Deacon Patterson's nigger Jim was ketchin' in the canbrake down on the Black Warrior, whar they had a camp-meetin' about two weeks afore, an' Abe Singleton's wife run away with Zack Allen, though it warn't Zack's fault, which —"

"That will do. Was it in August, September, October, or May?"

"I reckon it mustar been. Leastways it war good coon-huntin' time, an' paches was good an' ripe. Mose an' me was fixin' for a coon-hunt, anyway, an' Mose axed me to go over an' borry St. Hickie's brown dog, an' because I wouldn't he ordered me, an' loved as how I war a liar. Then we clinched, an' the knife got abbed into his innards."

"What knife?" "The knife what Mose had. I was a-cuttin' a piece off an' ole ramrod to make it short enough for Mose's gun, an' —"

"With the knife Mose had?"

"Yes, sah. It war the same knife."

"Mose had it, and you were cutting a ramrod with it."

"The ramrod war too long for Mose's gun. Hit belonged to St. Hickie's gun, which it war a longer gun than Mose's gun, an' —"

"Come, come," said Judge Dunlop, with some asperity. "Mr. Yelverton, it seems to me that the Court is being trifled with. Ask your witness questions that require short answers, and we may have time enough left to hear your other witness."

"Then Mose died of a knife-wound?" said Yelverton, turning to the witness.

"I didn't stop to fine out, sah. I felt kinder skeered, and I lit out for Limestone County. Thar I stayed twell I left to come home."

"What did you do in Limestone?"

"I wucked, sar, in a sawmill."

"That will do," said the lawyer, much to everybody's surprise, and Jonas Topticket stopped down and took his old seat again.

"Mr. Clerk," said Yelverton, "besokind as to call John Alexander."

The clerk's call was answered from the rear of the room and the stout stranger whom Sam Yelverton had several times accompanied to the tavern across the road came upon the stand and was sworn.

As Alexander took his seat Jonas Topticket's face became as white as chalk. He looked upon the stranger with eyes wild with wonder and dread, and his teeth chattered like a loo.

The spectators noticed the great change that had come over the prisoner, and began to feel some pity for him.

"I am deputy-sheriff of Limestone County," said John Alexander. "I recognize the prisoner as a man I arrested at Cold Spring, Limestone County, on the 4th of August, charged with breaking into Parson Doolittle's meat-house and stealing a side of bacon and a sack of meal."

He was taken before Squire Meeker, and as the bacon was found in his possession he was sent to jail for six months. When asked what he did with the meal, he said a man named Mose Ambrose had it; that he and Mose together robbed the meat-house; that they belonged in Sumter County and were on their way home. Two days later I captured Ambrose, and after trial and conviction he, too, was sent to jail for six months. On the 1st of September Ambrose made his escape. We made no effort beyond the limits of Limestone County to recapture him, for, in fact, we were glad to be rid of him. He and this prisoner were the only inmates of the jail, and a lazier, dirtier, more good-for-nothing pair couldn't be scared up between Hull and Halifax. The prisoner here swore that he had not aided Mose to escape, and, although he was the worst liar we had ever seen, we believed him for the reason that he didn't run away, too. The truth of the matter was that he was too lazy. We stirred him up a little, however, and then he got out."

"How did you stir him up?" asked the lawyer.

"With the cat."

"How did you know he was here?" said the District-attorney.

"I read the account of the inquest over Ambrose's body, and thought that where Mose was there or thereabout I'd find his partner. I wrote to the sheriff of your county and he gave my letter to Mr. Yelverton, who sent for me to come on as a witness."

"When did Jonas Topticket break jail in Limestone?"

"On the night of the 25th of October."

Mose Ambrose's body was found on the same day. It had evidently been a "dead corpse" for at least two weeks, making it a moral and physical impossibility to connect Jonas Topticket with his murder. Besides, no marks of violence were found upon the body. According to the testimony of Dr. Sampson, who conducted the medical part of the inquest, the man died of alcoholism, but where he obtained his poison the world will never find out. It is more than probable, judging by the man's general course that he supplied himself by trick and device—that is, by levying at midnight upon the liquid stock of some sleeping citizen.

Of course it would not be professional for the District-attorney to let the case go to the jury without an additional effort to hang the prisoner; so, after worrying John Alexander with a few pointless questions, he made the roof of the court-house groan with a blast of rhetoric and logic, law-studded and fact-lined, to show

that the prisoner must have killed the man whose body was found in the woods over by Twin Chicken Hill. He thundered for fifteen minutes or more, the Judge in a dazed sort of way delivered a non-committal charge, and the jury retired. In five minutes they returned, and the foreman, with a broad grin on his face that was more than matched by the grins on the faces of the other eleven, announced that the verdict was "Not Guilty."

One would have expected to see the prisoner look happy, but a more woe-begone expression of countenance than that with which Jonas Topticket received the verdict I never saw. When told that he was discharged he got up and started in an irresolute way toward the door. The Court then adjourned, and Jonas became the centre of a very hilarious crowd. No man wished to shake hands with him, or to congratulate him upon his escape from the gallows or the State-prison, but every one of the rough backwoodsmen had a pleasant word for him.

"King-pin liar of the Forks," said one; "come around by Yule's Dam and try some of my bacon."

"Jonas," said another, "ef you an' Ananias an' Saphira was to make a match at spawdin' the truth, I'll be durned ef I wouldn't back you every time."

In the midst of the hubbub of voices thus showering compliments upon him, Jonas caught the sound of another voice, that made him tremble.

"I want you in Limestone County, Jonas," said Deputy-sheriff Alexander, laying his hand roughly upon the man's shoulder. "We need you badly over in Limestone. You made a great mistake in leaving before your welcome was worn out."

The crowd parted right and left, and Alexander led his prisoner over to the tavern. After giving him a stiff horn of whiskey he bargained for one of the stalls in the landlord's stable, employed two stalwart hangers-on to act as guards for the night, and looked Jonas in.

After supper we threw Yelverton, Alexander and myself, sat on the piazza enjoying our pipes and discussing Jonas Topticket. The foreman of the jury was about boarding his buggy to drive home. Yelverton hailed him, and he stepped over to us.

"Now, Aleck," said Sam, "tell us how in thunder you men came to render your verdict in face of the evidence of the prisoner himself."

"Sam," said Aleck solemnly, "hit was on that very ground. Hit war the evidence of Jonas Topticket. We all knowed him as well as you did, an' we knowed as how the truth warn't in him. That man, Sam, couldn't steer into truth 'cep by accident, an' then he'd lie himself into another road of you'd tell him."

A little before bedtime we went into the stable to have a talk with Jonas. He was sitting on a horse-bucket, with his two guards standing by and chaffing him.

"Jonas," said Yelverton, "what did you tell such a whopper for?"

"Squire," said Jonas, "when I got back to Greene an' heard at Mose was foun' dead over by Twin Chicken Hill, I tole a man about my breakin' outer jail in Limestone, an' he lowed at Sheriff Alexander he'd mighty soon be on my track. Well, I didn't want to go back to Limestone, an' I knowed they couldn't prove no murder onto me, but mought fine me guilty of manslaughter in self-defense, so I done claim as how I had killed Mose."

"Why would you rather go to prison than back to Limestone?" said I.

"Because, sah, in Limestone they whoops a man like he war a nigger, an' I wantar be treated like a white man," said Jonas.

He was taken to Limestone next morning, where, without doubt, he got "whoopin'" enough to last him.

OILING A CRANK.

The palatial steamer Mary Powell was on her daily trip up the Hudson. A number of passengers had gathered around the open door of the engine-room, looking with interest at the movements of the ponderous machinery. Among the passengers was Sam Foster, a New York gentleman, who is a practical joker. He is a young man of means, and was elegantly dressed. He is, moreover, a very good amateur ventriloquist.

"Now, boys," said Foster, "let us have some fun with the engineer."

A creaking, squeaking noise was heard among the machinery. The engineer was somewhat startled, and he lubricated various and sundry parts of the machinery with great industry and an oil can. The latter capitulated half a pint of oil. Foster nudged one of his companions with the ribs, and pretty soon the machinery squeaked again. Once more the engineer calmed down a suspected piston by announcing it with his alleviator. The squeaking still continued, and Foster pointed out the place that needed oiling. Once more the engineer took his alleviator, and removing the cork poured the contents down the back of the festive Foster, and over his forty-dollar suit of clothes.

"There," said the engineer, "I can't think that crank will squeak again in a hurry."

HINDOO KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

The Hindoo religion enjoins one to be kind and merciful to all living creatures. To put to death any creature that has life is an unpardonable sin to a Hindoo, while to protect it is one of the highest virtues. Beasts, birds, reptiles and insects are as much the object of the Hindoo's kindness as the human kind. The Hindoos of the higher caste never take flesh. They live entirely on milk and vegetables. Hindoos of certain sects take meat, but they would not eat it unless it be of a goat sacrificed before a god or goddess. They would never think of shooting a bird or killing a beast. They look upon the European practice of shooting and hunting as barbarous. They distribute rice and corn to cows and other birds every day. India is the land of snakes, most of them being of the most venomous kind. But the Hindoos are not less warm in their kindness toward these creatures. Snakes that have taken shelter in a Hindoo's house are never killed by the inmates. They are regarded as guests, and allowed to wander in the house unmolested and untouched.

MANY people who are as "true as steel" are unfortunately just as cold.

THEATRICAL RECORD.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL.

Movements, Business, Incidents, and Biographies of the Theatrical, Musical, Minstrel, Variety and Circus Professions.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 26, 1886.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Reports by The Clipper's Correspondents of the Opening Night of the Week in Various Parts of the Country.

Reports of performances on Monday night in the following places reach us by mail: Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Albany, Troy, Providence and Newark.

Still Sticking to "Hot Water" in "Frisco—M. B. Leavitt Very Ill—Arrivals from Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 26. BALDWIN THEATRE.—"Notre Dame" is still running. "Editha the Burglar" has been added to the bill.

CALIFORNIA THEATRE.—"The Black Crook" continues to draw paying houses.

BUSH STREET THEATRE.—Alice Harrison in "Hot Water" remains the attraction.

NOTES.—The heavy rains of late have kept many people from the theatres. M. B. Leavitt is in the city, very ill. Genevieve Ward and her leading man, W. H. Benson, have arrived in this city from Australia. Florencia, Beasley and Foster and Eddy Vinn have been engaged to appear at the Wigwam. The Bursley family have accepted an engagement at Woodward's Garden. The Mexican Typographical Orchestra were billed to appear Jan. 25, but on account of not arriving in time from Los Angeles, having been delayed by heavy rains, they will open 27.

"The Rat-catcher" in the Hub—Booth's Last Week—Effie Ellsler's Success, Etc.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.

"The Rat-catcher" drew a big audience at the Boston; every indication points to its catching on. The scenic effects, combined with new Kyrifisms, pushed the show to a spectacular success, although the ballet, so far as corymbes go, was a little "dukey." Effie Ellsler, in "Woman Against Woman," nearly filled the Park, holding her audience's interest to the end. She received several calls. The Museum was crowded. Booth's last week opening grandly with "Julius Caesar." Mr. Booth was noticeably off in his lines. J. H. Mason scored a distinct hit as Marc Antony, gaining three calls at the end of the fourth scene. The Bijou was poorly attended. Alia Norman's Co. wrestled with "Bohemian Girl" to better success than with "Euchartness," which is very faint praise at best. The company's musical director is censured for lamentable ineptitude. The Howard and Windsor both gathered good audiences, and the Howard was filled.

"Jack-in-the-Box."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 26.

Carrie Swain did "Jack-in-the-Box" for the first time in America last night, as per my letter. The plot of the new play is as follows: The hero, whose father is a rich landholder, is heir to a fortune. When young he leaves his home to follow a traveling show company. One night after the performance the show is discovered enveloped in flames, and while the actors are filled with dismay the stage-struck hero rushes and saves the life of a little fellow called Jack-in-the-Box, a bright boy who becomes henceforth devoted to him. At length the hero is charged with having killed a wealthy citizen for the sake of gain, but Jack establishes his innocence. After a noble struggle to unveil the truth, Jack finally discovers in an Italian named Toroni the guilty man, and happiness and prosperity are restored. There is a good underplot and love theme, and several vivid and effective situations are presented in the seventeen scenes in which the action of the melodrama is laid. As Jack Merryweather, Carrie Swain plays admirably the character of a gorgeous, well-souled boy, who is full of life and spirit. The part suits her well, and her songs and dances were well received. Miss Swain is a clever southerner, and has a most agreeable voice. The role of Carlo Toroni, the Italian padrone, is effectively rendered by Ralph Belmont, and as O'Sullivan, the professor, Hugh Fay is very amusing; he is a clever character-actor, and makes much of a small part. Blanche Thorne, who impersonates the heroine, Millie Devere, is pretty and promising. Throughout the characters of the play are evenly acted, and the scenery is effective. The Croton Fair scene, where the arrest of Toroni takes place, was notably well done.

"Aphrodite Still in the Ring"—A New Play Fails to Please.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 26.

"Aphrodite Still in the Ring" was performed for the first time on any stage last night, at Liberty Hall, and I am sorry to have to say that it was a failure. The story in brief is: Mrs. Grayling (Gussie De Forrest) is left fifty thousand dollars if she marries Leander Dodge (Harry Brown), a barber, who is in love with Alice Brown (Little West). In case either of the parties refuses to accept the conditions of the will, the other inherits all the money. In order to disgust Dodge, Mrs. Grayling assumes lunacy at first, and then personates Aphrodite, the statue, come to life, and succeeds in annoying Dodge until he is almost ready to give up the money. She is seconded in her efforts by Lucy, her maid (Jean Delmar), Anastasia McCullough (Jennie Weatherly), Bryan Micado (Maxie Morris), Judge Butler (Thomas L. Seabrook), Talbot Mastin (Ludlow Arthur), and Ira Johnson (D. G. Longworth). A codicil to the will is discovered. It divides the money if both refuse, and all ends happily. It is claimed on the bills that the play, which is in three acts, is an absurdity. No arguments at all, however, to convince the most skeptical that it is what is claimed. The dialogue is flat and pointless, and although some of the situations are in themselves sufficiently ridiculous, there is nothing in the surroundings to show them off to advantage. There is no dash in the piece. The make-ups of Harry Brown, Seabrook, and Jennie Weatherly were good, and all in the cast labored to the best of their ability, after evidently insufficient rehearsals, to make the most of their parts. A few of the musical selections introduced were sung with taste, but the concerted numbers were unsatisfactory. The only hope of success for the piece is to cut the dialogue, leaving only sufficient (and that rewritten) to serve as a thread to hang a lot of taking spectacles on. As it stands it will serve to change Mr. Dickinson's smiling countenance into an exceedingly lagging one in a very short time. "Clio" drew quite well at the Opera-house, and scored a success, if the plaudits of the audience are an indication. The Gray-Stephens combination filled the Academy to repletion with a delighted audience. The tribulations of "Esmeralda" had a large full of sympathizers at Harris' Museum. Chalet's Museum did the usual good Monday's business. Sam Fletcher and Charles W. Roberts, in advance of Januscheck and the Rentz-Santley Co., respectively, are in town.

Cleveland Cannot Complain of Poor Business.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 26.

McCaull's Opera Co. appeared in "The Mikado" at the Euclid to a good attendance. The Rentz-Santley Co. opened to a big crowd at the Academy. The Cleveland succeeded in turning people away. "The World" being the attraction. Maude Granger opened at the People's to standing-room only. The Museum was crowded at all performances. Nevada drew a large crowd to the Music Hall.

THE THALIA DRAMATIC COMPANY'S TARDY ARRIVAL IN THE MOUND CITY—MAY BROOKLYN LOSES HER SUIT AGAINST HARRY LACY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 26.

"Toto" drew a full house to the People's, and was given in grand style. Adelaide Christie as the Queen and George H. Adams as Kewall were received as old favorites, especially the latter. "Fantasma" had a top-heavy audience at the Grand. Kate Davis was recalled to sing "Charcoal," but was too hoarse to respond. Little Almee made a hit as the Policeman. The Olympic was packed to see the Thalia Dramatic Co., who did not arrive till half-past nine. Fred Warde appeared in "Richard III" to fair house. The performance was not satisfactory, and Henry Aveling's Richmond was the only part deserving favorable mention. Last night Warde appeared as Virginia to a full attendance. In the pathetic part he was fine, but tore the passions to tatters. Henry Aveling and Miss Mittens Willet received a full share of applause. Thos. E. Garrick was good as Appius Claudius. "Fun in a Boarding-school" is drawing fairly at the Standard. Judge Thayer rendered a decision yesterday in the case of May Brooklyn vs. Harry Lacy. The plaintiff sued to recover the value of ten days' services rendered as an actress. The suit was filed Sept. 18, 1885, and the evidence shows that all services rendered up to that date had been paid in full. If the plaintiff intended to claim damages for a wrongful discharge, she should have brought an action based on that ground. She has brought the action in such form that there can be no recovery on the testimony adduced, and there will be judgment for the defendant.

Baird's Minstrels—The French Opera Troupe Soliciting Subscriptions—Death of Barry Maxwell's Mother—Did Daly Demolish the Violin?

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 26.

Major Nathaniel Burbank, critic of *The Picayune*, is the authority for my telegram about breaking of violin by William Daly Jr. I saw the Major to-day, and he states that he will stand by my statement. Baird's Minstrels have captured the town. They serenaded the Cotton Exchange, and opened at Faranta's last night to about five thousand people. Dick Gorman's Company opened last night at the Avenue to a good attendance. "Sam'l of Posen" opened Sunday night at the Academy to a fine audience, and had a good one last night. "The Silver King" opened Sunday night at the Grand to a fine attendance, and had a moderate audience last night. Bidwell's Star Co. entered its ninth week at the St. Charles Sunday night, during which time eighteen weeks have been played at Bidwell's other theatres by traveling companies, and the receipts of none of these itinerant troupes for a week have equaled Bidwell's stock company. Last night this company had the largest Monday-night house of the season at any of Bidwell's theatres. Co. were Durien, Manager of the French Opera-house troupe, publishes a card soliciting subscriptions of \$2.125, and states that if patrons do not respond he will take his company to Chicago. It is not probable that Durien will meet with much encouragement as to subscriptions. The company does not compare favorably with French companies brought here by the Grand. Barry Maxwell's mother died here a few days ago.

Indianapolis Items—A Change of Management—"Strangers of Paris" Could Not Make the Jump—F. G. White Again Insane.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26.

"Shadows of a Great City" opened week at the Grand to a light house, and a fair one up. "Hazel Kirke" commenced week at English's to a good audience. The Daveners' Allied Attractions inaugurated their second week at the Zoo to a good house. J. B. Smith retires from the firm Feb. 6 and J. C. Kelly assumes the lease alone, with C. T. Gilmore as manager again. Owing to a long jump, the "Strangers of Paris" Co. were obliged to make from Providence, the Museum was closed last night, the company being announced to appear at the matinee to-day. F. G. White has been returned to the Insane Hospital.

Business Booming in the Falls City.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 26.

Lotta opened at Macaulay's in "Little Nell" to an elegant audience, which showed its appreciation by repeated curtain calls. Harris' Museum was crowded at both matinee and evening performances to witness Joseph Keane in "Rip Van Winkle." A jammed house greeted the Australian Combination at the New Grand. People were turned away, and "Standing-room only" was displayed at half-past seven. The Grand Central and the Highland Palace had fine audiences and good shows. The Masonic Temple is dark until Thursday. The outlook is good for a booming week.

Sale of a Lease.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 26.

Manager Rellly has sold his lease of the Grand Opera-house consummated, and the house closed after the performance of Jan. 21. Manager Hyde was the purchaser. All companies booked for the remainder of the season will be played at his new opera house.

Janish Scoring a Success in Augusta.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 26.

Madame Janish as "Princess Andrea" appeared before a large and very fashionable audience at the Masonic Theatre last night, and met with a cordial reception, being recalled at the end of every act. She will give "Camille" to-night by request.

Detroit Enjoys "A Night Off."

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 26.

Arthur Rehan's Comedy Co. in "A Night Off" drew a full house at the Detroit last night, and made an unqualified hit. There was scarcely a weak spot in the company.

In the Flour City.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 26.

"Mazepa" was performed at the Academy both afternoon and evening to standing-room only. Joseph Proctor, in "Virginia," had a small audience at the Grand. The Casino did a large business.

Harris Puts Another Link in His Chain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.

It was asserted here yesterday, whether authoritatively or not is a matter of doubt, that Tony Pastor was negotiating for a lease of Ford's Opera-house. P. Harris has secured it. It goes to him for ten years.

John Dillon's Luck.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Jan. 26.

John Dillon opened at People's last night to "Standing-room only."

Cincinnati Theatres to be Closed Hereafter on Sundays.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 26.

All places of amusement had a large attendance on Sunday, and a diminished one last night. No theatres will be open next Sunday.

Reopening of the People's Theatre.

AKRON, O., Jan. 26.

The People's reopened with Edwin Lang's company to a packed house. Edwin Arden appeared at the Academy to good business.

Change of Dates—Katie Putnam.

TILANTA, Ga., Jan. 26.

Templeton's Opera Co. produces "The Mikado" Jan. 26, 27, having changed from 29, 30, Katie Putnam securing the latter dates.

THE ODD TRICKS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—I have signed a ten years' lease of John T. Ford's theatre here, and will reopen it soon as a first-class house, styling it "Harris' Bijou Opera-house." P. HARRIS.

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 26.—Kittie Rhoades opened here last night in "Pygmalion and Galatea" to a large house. GRANT RAYNE, Mich., Jan. 26.—We made our first appearance as dramatic stars last night, and our drama, "Life in New York," went well. FRANK EVANS JR. and JOSEPH H. COYNE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 26.—Walke's Comedy Co. opened here last night to a packed house. GILBERT, N. Y., Jan. 26.—The Graham-Emile Co. opened at Gilbard's Opera-house last night to "Standing-room only." BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.—Mattie Vickers made hit at the Windsor Theatre last night.

LACOSTER, Pa., Jan. 26.—Louise Arnot commenced a week's engagement here last night to a large house. LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Jan. 26.—Char. L. Andrews' "Michael Strogoff" Co. last night turned people away. WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 26.—Mons. Franconi's European Sensation crowded Shay's Academy of Music last night.

MONTREAL, Can., Jan. 26.—Gibson and Ryan in "Irish Aristocracy" turned many away both afternoon and night. NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 26.—May Adams and Gus Hill Co. opened at Waldmann's last night. There was a full house.

ALPHABETICAL ROUTINGS.

To insure insertion, routes must be mailed so as to reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

DRAMATIC COMPANIES.

Anderson's, Mary—Washington, D. C., Jan. 25-30, Cincinnati, O., Feb. 1-6.

Adell's, Helene—New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 25-30, Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 1-6.

Adel's, Helen—Brookton, Mass., Jan. 25-30, Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 1-6.

Almee's—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 25-30, Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 1-6.

Adela Dramatic—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 25-30, St. Genevieve, Mo., Feb. 1-6.

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"Jesse James," Wm. Lee's—Columbus, O., Jan. 25-30.

Keane's, J. H.—Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25-30.

Kendall's, Ezra—Baltimore, Md., Jan. 25-30, Washington, D. C., Feb. 1-6.

"Kindergarten"—Cohoes, N. Y., Jan. 25.

Lester & Williams—Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25.

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AMUSEMENT ANSWERS.

No Replies by Mail or Telegraph

ADDRESSES ON WHEREABOUTS NOT GIVEN. THOSE IN QUEST OF SUCH SHOULD WRITE THE PARTIES CARE OF THE CLIPPER POST-OFFICE.

R. S.—Jas. R. Lewis, who was one of the opening company at the New Bowery Theatre, assures us that we were right in assuming that the pit in that house may have been taken out, as well as right in assuming that there was a pit with 12 seats admission. He adds that the pit was still there when James Pliginsk had his benefit, but that some time after that benefit the pit was taken out. He gives us the prices taken from the opening bill: Private boxes, \$5; orchestra seats, \$2.50; (We cannot make this out, \$2.50; pit, \$1.25; colored boxes (gallery), \$2.50. This, we will add, confutes the many actors who say that they played there during the opening season, and that there was no pit. See D. L.

A. T. Washington—"Did Annie Pixley ever play 'Miles' at the old National Theatre, this city, before it was burned down the last time?" No, according to the management, who add that the only time the play was ever performed there before the house was burned was in 1872, by Kate Mayhew, under J. G. Saville's direction. The management may be right as to Pixley, but they are wrong as to Mayhew, as she was never at the National Theatre, but at the Grand Opera House, and J. G. Saville. There was no "Miles" until 1877.

H. B. D., Baltimore—"With what company is Miss Florence Throp traveling?" See head of this column. Besides, read our paper, and save us the trouble of duplicating our lines. In last week's Grand Rapids, Mich., correspondence will be found facts relative to the marriage of Florence Throp, formerly Miss Ethel Seymour of the vaudeville stage.

D. L.—According to J. R. Lewis, who was of the company at both the opening and the closing, we were prudent in doubting that there was any pit in the New Bowery Theatre when it was burned. He says that it had been taken out, the floor having been raised and altered into a parquet, and so remaining until the burning. Also, Greenacres—"Did Booth's grandfather ever act in this country, or was he ever in this country?" Booth's grandfather was a certain actor, as the sons of the elder Julius Brutus Booth have children, at least one grandfather Booth has acted in this country. If you mean Edwin Booth, his father's father never acted anywhere.

D. J. R. La Grange—"Had Barnum a museum in Philadelphia during the years 1860-1865, and if it was destroyed by fire during the time specified in the question?" He had one there in 1860-1861. It was burned in 1861, but while Barnum had nothing to do with it.

R. S. P., Australia—"Shouldn't we have regular instalments from that 2,200 other places of like size in the States and Canada. Wherever anything of special importance occurs, shall be pleased to receive a line from an old friend."

Fritz—"We have no time to procure the song for you, and no space to spare to print it, and we have no more time than you have to consult Rupt. Murray of a photographer."

J. H. J., Atlanta—"Who was the author of the play 'The Fool's Revenge'?" The author of the play was the French dramatist Victor Hugo's "Le Roi S'amuse."

W. K. W., Brooklyn—"How should a young man start to learn to be an actor?" The same way as in learning any other trade. Endeavor to procure employment in some place where acting is done. See head of this column. M. O. B.—We have no space for such a list. 2. We never reply by mail. 3. And for what we can do to oblige queries we never accept a fee. 4. Call upon Thomas Faulkner, counting office Commercial Avenue, New York.

J. D.—"A says that he can go with a billiard ticket to the first balcony of the Union-square Theatre. B differs from him." It will take him into the balcony, or first circle.

SUBSCRIBER—"The name of the tragedienne, so justly celebrated, who played Leah at Nihil's Garden some years ago?" Several have played it there. May be you mean Kate Mateman, in 1862-3.

Koko, Providence—"The same George Sweet. 2. A great tragedienne, Madame Neumann, played Leah at Leah, Richelieu, and the like. 3. We have no time to hunt for the quotation."

A. H. R., Providence—"Does Margaret Mathew ever play in 'Francesca da Rimini'?" It is not Lawrence Barrett the only one that produces it. She does not. 2. Yes. But others played it thirty years ago.

Reader—"In what year did Sarah Bernhardt make her debut in 'The Theatre'?" You were not an attentive reader last week, when we answered "C. Buffalo." J. L. L., Washington—"We think it is Charles S. Rogers. If it is either. As you are to decide the bet—and not we write the lady."

L. H. P., Boston—"Had John McCullough, the actor, any children by his wife?" No, how many? Two sons survive.

RIO, MONTANA—"J. S. Jackson, of Lompasa, Texas, wishes the address of James Willy, professionally Sign."

K. F. B., Richmond—"1. Address Ed. James, whose card see. 2. Almost any play that is published in the New York for fifteen cents. 3. It is likely that she is married. NELLIE, Pittsburgh—"Have not heard of him in half an age."

REGULAR SUBSCRIBER—"Who dramatized or played 'Tom Sawyer'?" Mollie Revel played it. L. W. L., Chicago—"Who are the proprietors of the People's Theatre, Johnston?" H. B. Allegheny—"Is Harry G. Richmond, actor, living?" No.

C. V. Y., Essex—"Consult an engraver, and use your own judgment at the same time." R. H. L., Warren—"1. Of Harry Miner, People's Theatre, this city. 2. About the same. 3. See head of this column. C. C. Moline—"We have not heard of him in two or three years."

LEVANCO, Saco—"W. J. Judd, ex-John street. H. H. Sedalia—"See head of this column."

CIRCUS, VARIETY AND MINSTREL.

W. H. FLATTAT, late of the People's Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested in this city Jan. 20 by one of Pinkerton's detectives. The charge against him was of evading payment of the Philadelphia theatrical license. He was placed in the custody of a Philadelphia officer, and was returned to that city.

FREDERICK STERN, proprietor of a concert-hall at 60 Stanton street, this city, was held Jan. 20 for allowing a girl under 16 to dance at his place. A CAROLAN from Paris, Fr., dated Jan. 19, says: "At Vienna, to-day, an American colored minstrel, named Malcolm, was giving an exhibition on a wire stretched across the River Rhone, when the wire broke and he fell upon the deck of a ship below, breaking his limbs and several of his ribs. He is now in a dying condition." We do not recall Malcolm as an American minstrel.

GRAHAM AND DALY have dissolved partnership. The former will work alone, and the latter has doubled with Prof. Leon.

MURPHY and MACK have been lionized by their "Frisco friends," who had not seen them in seven years. They have made a hit with Charley Reed's Minstrels.

THE KENNEDY PLEASURE PARTY went to pieces recently at Schenectady, N. Y. They were organized at Glens Falls some months ago by Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

SENATOR BOB HART was arrested at Lowell, Mass., Jan. 21, on a charge of selling mortgaged property. He had since last summer been running a restaurant at South Framingham, Mass. He became involved in debt, mortgaged the place and then sold it to another. Hence his arrest. (See letter from South Framingham, Mass.)

THURBER and DU BOIS, acrobats, write us that they are engaged for the Barnum Show.

WILLIE DORR of Coyle and Dorr was married recently in Chicago, as a note signed F. Smith informs us.

THE HEKLEY BROS., had a rattling benefit at the Alcazar, Stockton, Cal., Jan. 13.

THE THREE PHANTOMS have returned from Publishers' Circus in Cuba, and will play the vaudeville for a time. Juan Calcedo may be expected here in three weeks. Fred Barclay and Wm. Ducrow remain in Cuba all winter, the latter's double-benefit proving that he is a big favorite. Walter Wentworth is in love with the country and will also remain. The Caballero Family come here in March to join the Barnum Show. Public lions close season in line.

JOSEPH M. ALLEN has the better of his malaria fever, and Fraser and Allen are at work again.

HARRY D'ESTRA says he has no interest in the Campbell Novelty Co. since Dec. 15, when he left them at Lock Haven, Pa. He was in no way concerned in the abandonment of the company.

We are informed that Pearl Duncan is soon to wed a non-professional, a Philadelphian.

THE THREE DASHINGTON BROTHERS deny that they have joined the Georgia Minstrels.

ROBERT MCINTYRE was unable to sing with Lester Allen's Minstrels last week, owing to a severe cold. Harry J. Howard, tenor, joined them in Boston.

The following have signed contracts with Lee & Scribner's Circus: Corvella and Courtney, Mlle. Elmore, Harry C. Todd, three Lavange Bros., Billy Lee (clown), Joe Zelebach, Walter Gibson, Billy Ellis, Maggie Nicholas, C. W. Anderson, Billy Gray, Geo. Grainger and Geo. Gildren. The show will open at Westminster, Md., in April, where it is now wintering.

J. H. LAINE was indicted by the Grand Jury at Saltwater, Minn., Jan. 22, for deserting his infant child. It looks badly for him now.

In M. B. Leavitt's suit against McKee Rankin, as lately telegraphed us from 'Frisco, Mr. Leavitt claims that he purchased railroad tickets for eleven persons, and that Mr. Rankin, disposing of these tickets for \$715, failed to account therefor.

THE FLAGG CONCERT CO., now in Maryland, includes E. H. Flagg Jr., lecturer; Mrs. E. H. Flagg Sr., Will E. Harland, Geo. Sugden, James Kolb and the performing-dog Nellie.

Advices from the Gardner & Lamkin Circus, in South America, tell of continued good business. Mr. Lamkin has sold to a merchant the old spotted trichome Mahomet, once the property of Adam Forepaugh. The horse was too old to stand sea-trips.

The show was at Caracas Jan. 6.

Ed. C. Smith writes from Albany, N. Y., that Jessie Carl did not play at the New York Museum last week, but at the Central Theatre, Albany, N. Y.

LITTLE ALL RIGHT plays his farewell engagement in America with Winnet's European Enterprises at Newark, N. J., Feb. 8. He will sail for Paris, Fr., 16.

HALLER & HART's busy agent, T. E. Misco, was in town last week, and says the company hit it big in the West, in spite of depressed business. They lay off in Chicago this week, and jump to Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1-6, opening in this city 8. They are nearly booked through for 1886-7.

GEORGE BRACHMANN will sail for his return to England Feb. 9. He has met with much success during his short stay in this country.

HARRY KERNELL informs us that he will go to California after the close of this season. He will be accompanied by his brother John.

The makes-up of the distance village, which is at Charleston, S. C., includes the Hawaiian Band, Levanian and McCormack, Prof. A. L. Turner, Thomas Harris, Al. Houghton, Marie Oliver, Sig. F. B. Bliz, Nevada Ned and a troupe of Chippewa Indians.

THE ANDERSON FAMILY of glassblowers have arranged to go with Forepaugh's Show for the coming season.

ANNIE CARROLL, wife of Eddy Snow, the gymnast, is at Westchester, N. Y., practicing a new riding-act.

STAF ATKINSON, the musical artist, is at his brother-in-law's at Palmyra, N. Y. He has nearly recovered from his dislocated shoulder.

JESSIE WARNER, wife of Edward Clarence, is slowly recovering from a severe illness. She is at her residence in this city.

MANAGER FRANK D. LAWRENCE and his assistant, J. Henry Jones, were guests of Michel Henmann at the National Theatre Sunday night.

MARKHAM and GOLDIE closed with the California Minstrels at Norfolk, Va., Jan. 20, owing to causes stated in our Norfolk correspondence.

WORLD OF AMUSEMENT.

Robert Fitzmorris has canceled his engagements here. He sailed Jan. 20 for a six months' tour through Europe.

G. Paul Smith, who has undergone a severe surgical operation, and is with his mother and friends at Lake Geneva, Wis., has canceled all engagements up to June.

Edwin M. Hoyt has been engaged as leading-man to Charles Mortimer as juvenile with the O'Connor Tragedy Co., now rehearsing in this city.

Marlande Clarke and W. H. Artzberger have organized a company for a trip through western Pennsylvania towards the end of the season.

Miss Moore is to play "The Toy Pistol" in the South, by arrangement with Chas. Frohman, who recently purchased the comedy.

Lillie Atkinson is to play her repertoire through Pennsylvania, and doing nicely, it seems. Robert Harold Jr., N. W. White, J. C. Gordon, W. J. Sherry, Mollie Fulmer, Howard Tills, Norma Yeager and Sallie Hinton support her.

The "One of the Bravest" Co., which closed season Jan. 16 in Philadelphia, may resume tour shortly.

Miss Carlingford of the Rosina Vokes Co. has returned to England.

Letitia Fritch is to appear in the next opera at the Casino, this city.

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"A Rajah" Co. starts out this week. J. G. Saville, Rillie Deaves, May Robson, Ethel Brandon, E. L. Walton, Sedley Brown, Albert Murdoch and Norman Campbell are the people.

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Ben F. Toy is rehearsing the Rhea Co. in their new piece, "Galatea," and "The Country Girl."

Wright Huntington is making a hit in Little Church's "Unknown" Co., playing the title-role. Walter Fletcher of this company was laid up last week with a touch of pneumonia. His part of Jack Salt was taken by an understudy. He joined again Jan. 25 in Ansonia, Ct.

J. F. Berry, advance of Carrie Swain's Co. was in town last week, looking out for "Jack in a Box."

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.—The week just closed has been the best since the early part of September, and there is a better and more confident feeling, as the commercial agencies would say, among theatrical folk.

English's Opera-house.—"Hazel Kirke," with Lottie Blair in the titular-role, week of Jan. 25-30. Fred Felton's "Hidden Hand" appeared 18-20 to large business two nights and small on the last, owing to bad weather. The company are not out at present; but it is intended that they shall be in February when female they give nine or ten more pieces will be gone over. They introduced an excellent jubilee quartet and trained donkey while here.

"Young Mrs. Winthrop" was booked the remainder of the week, but canceled. Manager English has been particularly unfortunate in having a half-dozen broken contracts on hand lately, and the utter disregard of ordinary business integrity by some troupes should be stopped by legal measures.

Grand Opera-house.—"Shadows of a Great City" will be cast 25-30, and the week ought to be successful, if last season's success is a criterion. Frank Daniels, in "Rag Baby" filled the house 18 and 19, and in spite of bad weather, did very well 20. Almee appeared in "Mam'zelle" and "Miss or Mrs." 22 and 23 to a patronage which was not reassuring after the dreadful business two seasons past.

Zoo Theatre.—Davens and Alice twice a husband. A. Del Campo; Hanibal Hubbell, who is ambitious to be a father-in-law, Russell Bassett; Cecil Welburn, who has his own fish to fry; Leo Cooper; Rev. Calif Boxer, who is more musical than reverend; Newton; N. S. Johnson, an officer of the law, who runs a hotel, H. Martin; James, a disgusted attendant; Harry Deaves; Peter, a simple, plain, everyday servant; J. H. Anderson; Charlotte Hubbell, a disappointed bride; Laura Wallace; Auntie, the "legacy," who hears wisely, but not too well; Mackaye, whom, she thinks, she was not legally wedded to.

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George Kader advertises for a treasurer.
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 ing.
Professing to be a student of the University of
 W. H. Friday calls for sink attractions for the Fifth
 Avenue Roller skating rink, Brooklyn, N. Y., up to April
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J. H. Howe advertises for sale a double-horse box,
 strong attractions are wanted for **H. R. Jacobs' Court-
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 house gives fine performances weekly, and it has for
 some time past been enjoying a veritable boom. Within
 a few past weeks there have been rows of seats have been added at
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 ment by something like five hundred.
 A partner, to take the business management of a com-
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Mrs. Fitzgerald, 11 Prince street, advertises rooms and
 ard for professionals.
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Wm. D. Green, Crown Engraving and Printing Co., at
 70 Nassau street, advertises for a secretary.
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CARDS.

NO SIGNATURE. Chicago.—Poker. Five playing. The ante is ten cents. The chips are white for five cents, red for twenty-five, and blue for fifty. Having no white chips, A must win the one without any remarks as to the change of the call, and the next man to A straddles him. Now, can A draw down three white chips if he declines to play?..... That depends upon an occurrence as to which you seem to have been purposely silent. The next man to A put up money enough to straddle what ten cents or twenty-five? If only enough to cover ten, that made A's bet the normal one of ten. If more, and the straddle was announced so that the other players heard it, A could not wait until "the say" came round to him to draw down three chips, as he would be giving him the option of playing for big money if he had good cards or of repudiating the straddle if his hand were poor. On the other hand, no other player, simply by straddling, could fasten A's red chip when it had been put up because A lacked white ones. It would require some act of A in a ten-cent game to anchor the red chip; and such an act would be his signature being against a twenty-five straddle until he had seen his cards.

B goes out.—"A, B and C play seven-up. A deals and B goes out. C demands a bet. A says he will not deal twice in succession. A must deal if required by C, who is not to be denied the bet that A had the privilege of in the hand before. It places him at no marked disadvantage, as against the chance that C has to stand A high in the chance to turn jack and to give or run, which almost makes a perfect balance.

C. F. J.—"What is the difference between a royal flush and a straight flush? Are ace, king, queen, jack and ten of diamonds a royal flush, and the five, six, seven, eight and nine of diamonds only a straight flush? If so, how long have they been royal?..... I think a none. No. Both are royal, or straight or routine flushes. 3. They have never been so, although they might be so without bleeding anybody.

H. M. St. Louis.—"Poker. A deals, Bantes, C passes, D comes in, B raises and D and A stand the raise. They then draw. B says nothing. A says and B claims the pot on the strength of D and A passing. D claims, as B made no bet, it is a jackpot. D is wrong. B was the ace, and did not need to say anything until someone had bet after the draw.

SCHRIEBER, St. Louis.—We will not decide the wager. There is no generally recognized way of playing sol. There is no fixed game, in fact. There are a number of variations of sol. For example, the technical terms you employ, though no doubt perfectly plain to your coteries, would puzzle eight solo-players out of five. The sol game is now being compared with the three tens and two sixes. 2. As to both poker and patience, we could go on and write you and print for you four or five columns of the "any information you [we] can give us." You should state what it is you wish to know.

L. B. Baltimore.—To settle an important wager, how many points can one party make in one deal at seven-up?..... We have given the number at least a dozen times in the last dozen years, and we may give it again, to decide this "important" wager, when we have been told just what the wager is.

H. K. Philadelphia.—"Poker. Dealer by mistake has six cards. Does he, in fact, bet the dealer card?..... It does not necessarily follow that he cannot play. Whether he can play or not, there cannot be a jackpot pot on a simple draw.

E. J. A.—"You say. Payer splits a pair of aces, draws two kings, and claims couple stakes on each. The dealer will pay him only one money on each split. The dealer is right. He pays double to a natural only.

TWO READERS.—"A bets B that on each split, four and five of one suit are not a royal flush, and that ace, king, queen, jack and ten of diamonds are not a royal flush. B wins. Now let A apply himself to wagering in that in bridge three kings are a royal pair, and three deuces are not.

ROTHMAN.—"Has it ever been decided in THE CLIPPER that, in poker, the best hand hand cannot win because it was not called correctly before the show?..... Never.

NO SIGNATURE. Manhattan.—"How of the points in bridge for four sixes and a three? 2. Why?..... 1. Twenty-four. 2. Because you have asked for our decision, and we have given it.

A. A. Louisville.—Forty-five. King of trumps is led. Can you draw trumps?..... Yes; the five-fingers, the jack, and the ace of hearts.

J. V. G. Cherry Grove.—1. You have not told us how many points constitute game. Assuming that each hand one to go, A went out. 2. Ditto out.

G. M. Altoona.—High low jack. Must you either trump or follow suit if you can do the latter? Need you trump if you cannot follow suit?..... 1. Yes. 2. No.

THOMAS PINCKNEY CLARK, Troy.—A man in three hand-punches, after he has called 30 points, 40 trumps and 30 of each kind, call 60 queens?..... Yes.

C. J. Richmond.—"Telegraph. Playing Pedro. A 120. B 30. A makes low, and B wins. How of the points in first? Answer:..... 1. A, if 21 was game. 2. See head of this column.

P. L. Brooklyn.—"Euche. Can either party make a trump without winning a trick?..... Yes.

J. R. H. Shreveport.—We do not know what is their principal game, nor whether they play cards more than any other nation.

F. and H. Boston.—If it was agreed to play straight flushes, they beat four. If not agreed, they are simply an ordinary flush.

STOUT, Buffalo.—"Whiskey poker. First two pass, third man draws and fourth stands. Must he turn up the dummy?..... No. 1 and 2 are entitled to one draw from it.

READER, Galveston.—"A is out on turned-up jack. J. B. says, 'A wins on out.' B having said 'A is out to go.' M. and G., Rockport.—Can one not change his build. S. N. Linn.—"A is out on high.

DICE, DOMINOES, RAFFLES, ETC.
 A. A. Birdsboro.—"Raffle with penny for a large poker. A throws 17, and B has 15. A says he is not willing to raffle off. Is A entitled to one third of one half the pot, or one third or one half the money?..... You will have to explain to us the nature of the raffle by which A could throw 17 and B twice 17, and yet the two be 17. If B had two or more chances and thus got 17 twice, he is entitled to two thirds.

ATHLETIC.

J. M. G. Neganee.—It seems highly probable, the teams were aware before commencing play that the game was not regulation size, and they played without protest, then the Neganeees by taking three goals were entitled to claim victory.

W. M. Minneapolis.—Yes, unless there was a clause in the agreement (as there always should be) making obligatory "fair and equal play."

W. H. C. Ansonia.—Misses Louis H. Hohn, secretary, O. N. T. Athletic Association, Newark, N. J.
 M. W. C. Lewis.—Thanks for calling our attention to the fact.

BASEBALL AND CRICKET.

G. S. New Orleans.—The official averages of the different professional associations are given in their respective guide-books published in March.

G. W. H. Albany.—He was born Oct. 14, 1843. 2. He first played with the Enterprise, a junior club of Brooklyn, N. Y., and then joined the famous Atlantic Club of that city in 1862.

AQUATICS.

PERITAN.—The Brantford Reef and Cane May Challenge Cup, won by the Genesee last year, are open to challenge, the course on foreign waters to be from the Needles, Isle of Wight, to and around the stakeboat of the harbor of Cherbourg, France, and return.

MARKS.—We said: "State your bet, if we are to decide it," and we meant it.

REMO.

E. C. F. F.—Bill Poole was fatally shot by Lou Baker early on the morning of Feb. 25, 1885.

J. D. Binghamton.—The late Jimmy Elliott was born in Athlone, Ireland.
 F. T. L.—J. L. Sullivan and Dominick McCaffrey met in Cincinnati, O., Aug. 9, 1885.
 S. S. Philadelphia.—"Where can I buy pictures of the leading fighters?..... Read our business columns, and notably the one headed "In Contention." The names of S. H. P. Fred Steele—John L. Sullivan and Billy Edwards never appeared in Madison-square Garden.
 READER, Marshalltown.—B wins. Sullivan defeated Ryan in a bare-knuckle fight to a finish for the championship at Madison-square Garden.

BILLIARDS, POOL, ETC.

W. C. New Haven.—"A and B play call shot pool. A shot at five-ball, missed it, but hit another. B claims a scratch."..... It is wrong.

R. A. B. Honesdale.—"In a game of billiards, if the player's ball hits two balls and then the cue ball jumps off the table, does the player win? In contest?..... (For ball, for example) it does not; in others (three-ball carom, for example) it does.

H. J. W. Albany.—"A game of billiards. St. Louis was on Dec. 27 made referee for the Schaefer-Vignaux match. Schaefer had nothing to do with his selection, Vignaux insisting upon naming both the stakeholder and the referee. It was at the same time provided that, should Mr. McCaffrey decline to serve, the stakeholder should name his successor. The pretense that the two players met in this city on Jan. 25 and named the referee is a fiction designed for circulation in the daily newspapers in the interests of the box office.

POOL, Bridgeport.—1. The ball is to be put back on to the table for the striker to play at. 2. There are various methods. Lay the cue ball on the foot of the table, B right, which is why we will not decide. The rule of the house had better govern.

TURF.

G. O. C. Williamsbridge.—See THE CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1886, which gives the best records in almost every sporting line.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. D. Shelburne.—"Where is located the finest and most costly saloon in the United States?..... The answer is, 'Canada.' There are many saloons in various parts of the country, but none so fine as the one in Canada. As to cost, he could not answer at all and be sure he is right. If more, and the straddle was announced so that the other players heard it, A could not wait until "the say" came round to him to draw down three chips, as he would be giving him the option of playing for big money if he had good cards or of repudiating the straddle if his hand were poor.

H. J. W. Albany.—"In ordinary usage, among Christians, Sunday is the first day of the week.
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W. H. W. Toronto.—"A candidate is elected mayor of a Canadian city, and his seat. It is afterwards claimed that he is not 'qualified,' on account of not possessing sufficient property, and he is unseated. Do bets made on the result of the election, and paid out by the stakeholder before the dispute as to qualification arose, stand, or should the winner refund the money?..... They stand. They were based not upon the man's taking his seat or dying, but upon the election of a certain party's relative strength at the polls. This was a case in which fraud at the polls is alleged.

F. J. Port Chester.—"In a game of billiards, two different ways of jumping—one to capture two men, and the other to take but one. B wagers that A must jump the two men first?..... Blokes. A can jump either way. This is at the ordinary game. At the Folio game, A would have to play as B says.

C. K. W. Syracuse.—See the records in THE CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1886, which gives the best records in almost every sporting line.

SAGACITY OF THE BEAVER.

On the log that formed the basis of the beaver-dam there crouched an immense silver-grey wolf. He was intently watching the surface of the water. Soon there came a loud ripple from one of the banks, steadily approaching the log. A beaver was on his way to the top of the dam, and near the shore he crouched still lower, while his eyes never moved from the ripple. He wanted beaver-meat for breakfast. The water broke close to the edge of the log, and the broad head of the beaver appeared. There was a savage spring, a loud splash, and both the wolf and beaver disappeared beneath the water. In a few seconds the wolf emerged alone, clambered back on the log, and disconsolately pawed several bunches of fur from between its glistering fangs. The beaver had escaped. But the wolf was not discouraged. In a moment or two he moved further along the log and took up another position. The water was still. The point he now occupied was at the junction of a huge limb with the parent stem. 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mile handicap at Rochester, and got second in the half-mile handicap from scratch. On June 2, at Albany, on a grass course, won the mile handicap from scratch in 4m. 32s., and the three-mile handicap from scratch in 15m. On June 6, at the City Service Sports at Little Bridge, London, easily won the mile handicap with 58yds. from George, in 4m. 23s. On Aug. 31, beaten by ten yards at Reading in 4m. 30s., on grass, and on Sept. 6, at Stamford Bridge, London, finished fourth in a large field, from scratch, being beaten twenty yards, in 4m. 28s. At the Kildare Sports the following week, at Little Bridge, in a field of 66, he again finished fourth, from scratch, the handicap being won in 4m. 25s. 4s., and Garter's time was taken under 4m. 30s. On Oct. 11, at Stamford Bridge, with 58yds. from W. G. George, who was attempting to beat the mile record, he won in 4m. 24s.; weather very bad. At the London A. C. meeting at Stamford Bridge, Oct. 26, he ran from scratch in the three-mile handicap, catching all his men at two miles (time, 9m. 47s.) and winning easily in 14m. 57s. With the exception of a three-mile handicap at Gloucester, Dec. 26, this closed the 1884 season. On Jan. 10, 1885, he ran from scratch in the Highgate Harriers' open cross-country handicap, giving starts up to 4m. 45s. in 44 miles, and finished fourth out of ninety-eight starters. On Feb. 7, he obtained the same position, from scratch, in the Brunsvick Harriers' cross-country handicap with one hundred and eighteen entries. This he followed up by winning the Southern Counties cross-country championship on Feb. 14, from one hundred and sixty-one competitors, by one hundred yards. He suffered defeat in the national cross-country championship run March 7, as owing to rheumatism in the knee, he was unable to practice. On April 6, for the third time, won the Newport mile handicap. On May 28 he sailed for America, arriving a day too late to enter for the amateur championships. His first race here was at the Bergen Race Association games, June 1, where he won the mile handicap with 25yds. from C. C. Gilbert. On the next day he won a two-mile handicap in 10m. 58s. On June 27, at the Sons of St. George games, he gave Gilbert 50yds. and a beating in the mile race, and at the Williamsburg A. C. games on July 4 he was beaten by three yards in 4m. 34s. by A. P. Leary, 10yds. start. He has won altogether about twenty medals since his arrival, including the five-mile championship of New Jersey, which had to be won three times; the mile race at Myers' benefit, running the final heat in 4m. 39s., and the cross-country championship in November, after a punishing race with E. McMahon. During his sojourn among us he has won many friends, not more by his pronounced ability than by his courteous bearing and pleasant manners.

POLO IN WISCONSIN.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Jan. 21, 1886. EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER: Polo in Wisconsin is still in its infancy, the first game in the State having been played but little more than a year ago. Now, scarcely a rink but has its uniformed polo team, and in many cases a second team, with merit worth mentioning. The result of all this has been the organization of the Milwaukee City League, including five local clubs from the different rinks there, and the more important Badger State League, comprising the leading club from the cities of Milwaukee, Racine, Janesville, Oshkosh and Fond-du-Lac. The first three clubs were organized late last season, from scratch, by Mr. C. J. Leary, who has been the Milwaukee City League. The by-laws of the League read: "No player shall receive a salary for playing." The referees receive no pay. The Milwaukee, Oshkosh and Fond-du-Lac Clubs are composed entirely of local boys. The Racine has stocking from the Belmont and Graveland from the Janesville Club of last season. Jackson Case, son of the owner of "Jay-Eye-See," is rusher for the Racine Club, but is considerably excelled in play by Charlie Smith, a lad of sixteen. By way of comparison: P. S. Fuller, the captain of the club, is thirty-four years of age, and a lawyer by profession. Fred Sperry, from the New Haven (Ct.) Club of last season, is captain and rusher for the Janesville team, and is considered the best all-round player in the State. Aside from him our club contains only local boys. The playing in all the clubs shows a marked improvement over that of last season. While the hitting is still kept up by professional clubs, the regard for "slugging" (which made the game but little more than old-fashioned "shinny") has been considerably modified. The more scientific passing of the ball from one player to another and the use of lighter sticks makes a pleasant game. There is still a strong feeling in the league contest between Racine, Milwaukee and Janesville. Racine and Janesville are a tie for first place, each with three games won and one game a tie between them. Milwaukee has won two and lost two; Fond du Lac won one, lost three; Oshkosh lost four. To show the playing of the Wisconsin clubs as compared to other all the other clubs, the Racine have not lost a game in their own rink this season. They have defeated, by a score of 1 to 0, the famous Galesburg team, champions of the West, who have lost only five per cent. of more than an hundred games played. The Janesvilles have defeated the Grands of Chicago, who are considered the best club in that city.

REGIMENTAL ATHLETICS.—The annual entertainment of the Fifth Regiment, I. M. N. G., Athletic Club was held at the armory, Baltimore, on the evening of Jan. 20. The fifty yards' dash was won by Walter Williams, of New York; 44yds. by M. Caley, First Regiment, N. G. of Pennsylvania; the one-mile run by W. Coultson, First Pennsylvania; in the pole-vaulting, J. M. Dashiell, Baltimore Athletic Club, scored ten feet; the one-mile walk was won by C. B. Nichols, First Pennsylvania; the two miles steeple-chase by A. J. McGee, in 16m. 10s.; the five miles by Geo. W. Coultson, First Pennsylvania, with L. B. Brewer second. There were boxing-matches between Owen Kraft and Geo. Kraft, between Harry Lee and Ed. Braden, and between Braden and Frank Foote. There was also fancy bicycle-riding, horizontal-bar, vaulting and other exercises.

"BIG FOUR" TOUR.—The proposed route of the "Big Four" tourist this year is: Niagara Falls, train to Rochester; Canandaigua, Watkins' Glen, Elmira, Mauch Chunk and Allentown, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Lancaster, Pa.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; Luray, Va.; Staunton, Va.; Natural Bridge, Va.; Richmond, Va.; and train to Norfolk, morning steamer for New York; leave at 11 P. M.; steamers: New Haven and train to Hartford, Ct., and then to Springfield. The date will not be fixed till that of the annual tournament at Springfield, Mass., is announced.

The Springfield (Mass.) Bicycle Club elected the following officers Jan. 12: Secretary, Sanford Lawton; treasurer, W. C. Marsh; captain, A. J. McGee; first lieutenant, E. J. Leonard; second, F. A. Eldred. The club will hold their annual ball at City Hall on Washington's birthday and a minstrel entertainment at the Opera-house early in March.

The Harlem Athletic Club was organized in this city last week, the following officers being elected: President, James Pilkington; vice, P. J. Dempsey; treasurer, E. H. Patterson; financial secretary, T. B. Bates; recording, J. B. Arnold; captain, W. E. Cody; first lieutenant, W. T. La Rue; second, W. A. Helma.

BROOKLYN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1886.—EDITOR N. Y. CLIPPER: We have decided upon and claim the following dates for the coming season: Spring meeting, May 31; Summer meeting, July 10; Fall meeting, Sept. 11. W. G. Hozman, secretary.

THE Yreka (Cal.) Turnverein recently elected the following officers: President, Henry Ropp; vice, Herman Duenkel; secretary, Louis Schreier; corresponding, Henry Scheld; treasurer, Maurice Renner; first runner, Royal Brown; second, Theo. Young. The Sacramento (Cal.) Turnverein elected the following officers Jan. 12: Presidents, August Heilbron and J. Arnold; secretaries, Otto F. Wiben and C. Liser; treasurers, M. Kestler and C. A. Yuerk; turn-faris, G. Hazeltine and H. Stober.

A MASQUERADE and fancy-dress carnival was held at the Crystal Rink, Montreal, Jan. 19. The ice was in fine condition, the crowd was large, and the affair was a pronounced success. A five-mile race for the championship of Montreal was fixed for decision here Jan. 26.

A GAME OF LACROSSE was played in the Olympian Rink, this city, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, by the University of New York representatives and a team from the Third Regiment. The former won by five goals to three.

CARNIVAL OF BOBBERS.

The parade and carnival of the coasting clubs composing the Albany, N. Y., Bobbing Association, held on the evening of Jan. 20, was probably one of the most novel affairs of the kind ever witnessed in the United States. Some fifty bobs took part in the display. The machines formed in line on Eagle street at 8 o'clock. The route of march, comprising a journey through the central part of the city, was brilliantly illuminated with Greek fires and Chinese lanterns. The heavy snow rendered the streets almost impassable for the larger bobs. Many of the sleds were beautifully adorned. All were lighted with headlights, and in their brilliant suits of fresh paint and varnish, with plated metal mounting and long drag-ropes decked with streamers, they presented a pretty sight. Some of the sleds bore transparencies, and at least half were illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The members of the various clubs were in fantastic garbs, which added much to the unique nature of the occasion. Two snowscoops in full costume participated in the display. The carnival was held on Madison avenue at the close of the parade, and was witnessed by a big crowd of enthusiastic spectators.

POSTPONED GAMES.

The amateur games and reception of Co. K, Thirtieth Regiment, originally announced to be held in the armory Jan. 16, have been postponed till Saturday evening, Feb. 13. The following is a list of the events to be contested, all of which will be handicap and open to all amateurs: 50yds. dash, 220yds. hurdle-race, one-quarter mile run, one-half mile run, one-mile run, one-mile walk, two-mile bicycle-race, tug-of-war, teams of four men, one substitute open to all amateurs, weight unlimited. Rules of N. A. A. A. will govern. A handsome gold medal will be presented to the winner in each event and a silver one to the second, except in tug-of-war, for which a gold medal will be presented to each man of the winning team. An entrance-fee of five cents must accompany each entry (except tug-of-war, which will be two dollars per team), and be sent to Edward A. Kraft, 64 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn. Entries close Feb. 6. The right to reject any entry is reserved. The prizes are on exhibition at A. G. Spalding's, 241 Broadway, New York. Handicapping by W. G. Hegeman, official handicapper to the N. A. A. A.

SNOW SHOING.

A successful event was the annual open skate-chase of the Tuque Blanche Snowshoe Club of Montreal, which took place over the mountain course to the Athletic Club-house at Cote des Neiges. Eleven participated in the run, and a grand race resulted thus: J. G. Ross first, in 18m. 23s.; J. Baird second, in 19m. 26s.; R. Clarke third, in 20m. 58s.; W. Kerr fourth, in 21m. 58s.; H. M. Patenaude fifth, in 22m. 49s. A. G. Coster, J. Bruce, J. Turner, W. J. Ballie, F. A. Rodden and J. D. Bremner followed in this order. Nearly four hundred members and guests enjoyed themselves at the club-house after the race.

THE BOWLING TOURNEY.—The prize tournament which opened at Pomeroy's alley, 116 and 118 East Fourteenth street, this city, Monday evening, Jan. 18, has attracted much attention from the fraternity and promises to prove a complete success. The result of the games played last week, five men composing each team, was as follows: American beat Metropolitan, 839 to 792; Metropolitan beat United No. 1, 798 to 707; American beat United No. 1, 902 to 690; Chatham beat Clermont, 848 to 743; Metropolitan beat Clermont, 829 to 743; Cosmopolitan beat Manhattan, 834 to 806; Elizabeth beat United No. 2, 825 to 687; United No. 2 vs. Atlanta, 751 each; Atlanta beat Elizabeth, 903 to 867.

MILK LOUISE ARMAINDO, the champion female bicycle rider, had an easy job when she tackled Fred L. Shaw, all the way from Dakota, in a twenty-six hours race at the Washington Rink, Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 15. The lady was sixteen miles ahead at the end of fifty miles, scored 100 miles in 12h. 25m. 38s., and quit at 182 miles, before time was up. Shaw rode 162 miles.

THE WRESTLING-MATCH between Prof. Will Willis and Chas. Bixamos came off at Alexander's Hall, Greenville, Miss., Jan. 18. Willis, 182 lbs., and gate-money, two best in three falls, Graco-Roman style. The first fall was won by Willis in 11yds., the second by Bixamos in 7m., and the third by Willis in 12yds.

THE Pavonias of Jersey City and New York will play the first of a series of five games of polo, for a purse of \$200, at the Manhattan Rink, Eighth avenue and Fifth-street, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 20. Miss Jennie Houghton, fancy-skater, is the attraction here for the current week.

THE GRIEVE MEDAL was the prize contested for in a two-rink-side curling-match between teams of the American C. C. at Van Courtlandt Lake, N. Y., Jan. 23. The rinks skipped by G. Grievie and H. O. Beckwith beat those skipped by H. Leahy and W. R. Earle.

TRANS from the Seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., this city, and the Thirtieth Regiment, Brooklyn, between whom there exists great rivalry, will engage in a tug-of-war at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, this city, evening of March 6.

WESTON and O'LEARY walked the last four days of last week in Cleveland, O. Jan. 23, the score, as announced, was: O'Leary, 1,932 miles 7 laps; Weston, 1,923 miles 7 laps. This week they are going the rounds in Chicago.

THE fifty-one-hour go-as-you-please race in Syracuse, N. Y., closed at 11 P. M. Jan. 23. Score: Gus Guerrero, 200 miles; Peter Golden, 184 miles 6 laps; W. A. Hoagland, 178 miles 1 lap. Driscoll stopped at the end of 95 miles.

HUTCHES, the English champion sprinter, on Jan. 4, at the Shield grounds, Glasgow, Scotland, attempted to run a half-mile, but showed a want of judgment by running the first quarter-mile at a great pace, which settled him, and he then gave up.

MISS MAEL STYVSTER has just issued a challenge to Miss Hattie Harvey, Miss Fan El Fitz, Miss Maud Campbell and all other female roller-skaters to contend in an open sweepstakes contest for the championship of \$100 held at the Olympian Rink, this city, Jan. 23, by the Crescent Club and the New York College team, the latter being beaten by a score of 12 to 2.

THE Ottawa (Ont.) Fencing Club elected the following officers Jan. 16: President, Dr. L. C. Provost; vice, H. M. Aml; secretary, L. N. Richard; treasurer, Mr. Labelle.

The Rugby football match between the representative teams of England and Wales was played Jan. 2, and won by England by a goal and two tries to a goal.

DENNIS DRISCOLL, of Lynn, Mass., was in Auburn, N. Y., Jan. 19, and expressed a desire to make a match with W. A. Hoagland to walk ten miles, square heel-and-toe, for \$200 a side.

JOHN O'GRADY and Jack Hart will engage in a wrestling match, Lancashire style, at Arthur Chambers' Rink, Ridge road, Philadelphia, on Friday evening, Jan. 29.

A MATCH TUG-OF-WAR was between teams from the West-end Rowing Club of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Toronto, Ont., will be decided in the former city on Feb. 5.

A RACE on rollers, two miles, between A. Cluson and John Dale, took place at the rink in Alliston, Ont., Jan. 19, Dale winning.

THE Crystal Club defeated the McGills in a hockey match at Montreal, Can., Jan. 15. One player on each side was disabled.

THE Rugby football match to be played for the benefit of the Staten Island Hospital has been postponed till Washington's Birthday.

THE Massachusetts Bicycle Club offer prizes for an amateur contest on the "home trainer," to take place Feb. 27.

A RACE on roller-skates, three miles, between Peterson and Heitinger of Red Bluff took place at Redding, Cal., Jan. 9, the latter winning.

OVER three-score members of the St. George's Snowshoe Club tramped from Montreal to Lumpkins' Jan. 19. The usual good time followed.

A FOOTBALL MATCH was played Jan. 15 at Vermilion's Roller-rink, Belleville, Ont., No. 1 team defeated No. 2 by one goal to nothing.

HUGH McDOONICK and Wm. Whelpley are to skate three miles on ice at the Victoria Rink, St. John, N. B., Jan. 27. The stakes are \$100 a side.

CURLING IN CANADA.

Two rinks of the Hamilton Club were opposed by a like number from the Ancasters in Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 18, the home-players winning by 2 to 18. The Waterloo and Berlin Clubs contested a two-rink-side match in Berlin 18, the visitors being waxed by a score of 41 to 30. The Goderich and Wingham Clubs engaged in a contest, two rinks a side, for the Ontario Tankard 19, the local club beating their opponents by 50 to 23. The Tankard was played for by the Whitby and Port Hope Clubs, two rinks a side, in Bowmanville, the former coming off winners by 47 to 31. The Whitby and Bowmanville Clubs had a tie at Bowmanville, four rinks a side, the latter suffering defeat by a score of 73 to 54. The Paris and Brantford Clubs met in a match, four rinks a side, in Paris 18, the home-team winning by 85 to 47. A match, two rinks a side, between the Oshawa and Lakerd Clubs, for the Calceon Medal, was contested in Lakerd, the visitors suffering defeat by 38 to 32. A return match was played in Toronto 21 by the Caledonian and Woodbridge Clubs, the latter proving victorious by 50 to 35. The Gibbons' gold medal was contested for at Goderich 20, the club of that name beating the Wingham by 54 to 22. The Ontario Tankard was battled for by the Georgetown and Guelph Clubs, two rinks each, 19, the latter winning by 31 to 17. Four rinks each of the Toronto and Brantford Clubs played in Brantford 20, the visitors winning by 46, 40, 40 and 40. The Guelph and Georgetown Clubs had a tie in Guelph 19, two rinks a side, the local players winning by 31 to 17. Same day and place, the Walkerton and Georgetown Clubs tried conclusions for a Royal Caledonian district medal, two rinks a side, the Georgetown was scoring 31 to 21. The Peterborough and Bowmanville teams were opponents in a game in Whitby 21, the latter scoring 37 to 33. Another competition for the Ontario Tankard took place 19, in Fergus, between the Elora and Fergus Clubs, the home-team coming out ahead by a score of 48 to 28. The same day and place, the Elora and Fergus Clubs had a tie in Fergus 21, the Old Country team winning the trophy by the aggregate totals of 61 to 59. A single rink match between the Campbellford and Wark Clubs, contested in Wark 22, was won by the local players by a score of 30 to 12. The Ontario Tankard was played for by the Preston and Galt Clubs in Preston 31, the latter being successful by 50 to 32. Same day, the Ottawa and Governor-general's Clubs were opponents in a match in Ottawa, Ont., the former scoring 36 to 22. The Granite of Toronto did battle for the Ontario Tankard in Toronto, two rinks each, the same players coming out ahead by 40 to 25. Two rinks each, contested in Toronto 22, the former winning by the total of 47 to 29. Same day and place, the Lindsay were victorious by 50 to 32. The same day and place, a three-rink-side match between the Caledonians and Heathers, of Scarborough, resulted in a victory for the latter, who made 50 to 30. The same day and place, the same clubs had a tie between the Caledonians and Toronto was played 22, two rinks a side, the former winning—50 to 27.

A CURLING MATCH, four rinks a side, was contested in Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22, by the Victoria Club of Brantford, Ont., and the Caledonians of Buffalo. It was played at the latter's rink, and the visiting Canadians were beaten by a score of 86 to 69.

THE BRITISH BARMAID.

There is in reality no reason why a barmaid's should be a less respectable situation than that of any other class of workingwomen. In the low public houses and country inns, indeed, where a barmaid is a necessary part of the establishment, she is mostly a girl from a very low class who enters such a situation, while the great majority of young girls who serve in restaurants and at refreshment bars come from the middle class. They are generally the daughters of tradespeople, railway officials and restaurant-keepers, and are educated in the best manner. They are not only well educated, but they are also well trained in elementary schools and hold places as nursery governesses. A girl who wishes to take a situation as barmaid should not be under 18 years old. On applying for a place she is required to produce one or two references as to her character, and then she passes a short examination in writing and simple arithmetic, her proficiency in the latter being one of the chief requirements. The examination satisfactorily passed, she is engaged on a month's trial, during which time she earns nothing besides her board and lodging. If at the end of the month, she has satisfied her employers she is permanently engaged and begins her work at once. It is perhaps safe to say here that this manner of training is only adopted in establishments where large numbers of barmaids are kept, while in small places the rules and regulations are less strict. What the work consists of need hardly be explained, for it is apparent to everybody who casts a glance at a public bar. Besides serving the customers, the barmaid has no duties but those of keeping her department neat and tidy. But, although it may at the first moment appear very easy to provide hungry visitors with refreshments, the attentive, civil young lady must nevertheless have a keen eye to business. The hours of work can hardly be fixed. At some refreshment bars, such as, for instance, those at large railway stations, work begins very early in the morning; at others, again, very late hours are kept; but, as a rule, no one is to be seen at the bar until intervals for meals, make up the working-day. One evening a week is generally free, and one Sunday every month. The wages vary from 8s. to 10s. a week. There is no doubt that only strong and healthy girls can be successful in this kind of employment, which is exposed to draughts and cold. The monotony and drudgery, of which so many women complain in their work, are entirely absent from the barmaid's life. The temptations to which she is said to be exposed, though they are not altogether fictitious, are exaggerated, a steady girl finding no difficulty in keeping a proper distance between herself and her customers without becoming rude, and a girl with a tendency to flirtation being, as a rule, no good business woman, and therefore apt to be discharged. To many girls the bustling, hurrying life, the new faces, and the many topics discussed in her hearing, are of great attraction, and the rule barmaids are not a discontented class of women. After they have served for some years they may, if they do not marry, which, however, they often do, aspire to the post of a restaurant manager, who has had the supervision of the establishment. As such they earn from 20 shillings upward a week, and it is at the head of a large restaurant they are sure to be able to put by some savings. Many a woman who has begun life as a barmaid has, as a hotel-keeper, later on made a little fortune, and if she has any power of organization and understands housekeeping, no woman with small capital to begin with, will find it difficult to make a good living in this way.—*Full Mail Gazette.*

THE TYPE-SETTING EXHIBITION.

W. C. Barnes, who won the prize in the recent exhibition at Kohl & Middleton's Museum, Chicago, arrived in this city last week. The gold badge awarded him is of handsome design, consisting of a five-pointed star, pendant by a chain from a double-bar, and having in the centre a solitaire diamond of about three-quarters carat in weight and of much brilliancy, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The following is a summary of the work done in twenty-one hours:

	Ens. Set.	Time Correcting.	Net Composition.
Barnes.....	40,545	10m.	39,222
McLean.....	38,545	10 1/2	37,494
Levy.....	36,640	10 1/2	35,415
Hudson.....	34,845	10 1/2	33,915
McLean.....	34,845	10 1/2	33,915
Creedy.....	34,825	10 1/2	33,773
De Jarnatt.....	33,965	10 1/2	31,965

McLean worked one half hour less than the rest of the contestants.

A PETRIFFIED SQUIREL.

One of the greatest curiosities of the present day, found among the pines of Central Wisconsin, was discovered near Knowlton a few weeks ago. It was in the form of a petrified squirrel, about the size of a common squirrel, and was taken from the heart of a tree by some woodmen. It was of a brownish color, as hard as a rock, and was as natural as life, even to the kink in its long bushy tail. The curiosity was carefully packed and sent by William Mulhollen, its owner, to President Cleveland, from whom a personal letter of thanks was received last week by the sender, saying that it would be carefully preserved and placed in the public museum at Washington.—*Stevens Point (Wis.) Gazette.*

ZUKERTORT vs. STEINITZ.

The New York Series Ends.

Steinitz Loses Four Games Out of Five.

On the first day of the match between Herr Steinitz and Dr. Zukertort, and after the former's brilliant opening game of the series, it was very generally expected in the metropolis that the series of games controlled by the Manhattan Club would occupy at least three weeks. To the disagreeable surprise of our chess players in this district, however, we were afforded the opportunity of witnessing but five games of the series, Mr. Steinitz falling off in his play after the first game so much that his adversary was enabled early to place the four succeeding games to his credit, thereby ending the New York series and cutting off the Manhattan Club from at least a week's pecuniary benefit from the door receipts of the daily sessions. The character of the play in all five of the matches cannot justly be said to be of that high standing in strategic combinations which the fame of the two great masters of the chess world of the period warranted. This means not that the play was of mediocre character. Far from it. But it certainly was not up to the standard of either Dr. Zukertort failing to show up in good form in the first game, while his adversary undoubtedly failed to reach his customary high mark in the other four. It is questionable whether Mr. Steinitz did not underestimate the skill of his opponent when he undertook to accomplish so much literary work in connection with his magazine and with his extensive European correspondence while engaged in so important a match. For the first week of the series of games he failed to obtain his natural rest, an attack of insomnia rendering his arduous task doubly trying on his system. But there is something else which he will have to look to in the forthcoming games if he desires to recover his lost ground, and that is to be as rapid in his analytical work as his opponent. In the last four games Dr. Zukertort scarcely occupied half the time in deciding upon his moves which Mr. Steinitz did, and especially was this advantage noticeable in the fifth game, in which Mr. Steinitz barely played at the rate of sixteen moves an hour, while his adversary played at the rate of thirty. Careful play is, of course, an essential in all match-games, but that unnecessary waste of time which is a habit with many players, in their hesitating so long over moves which are obvious, and which require not a minute's thought, acts to the detriment of a slow player in matches in which the time-limit is a rule. Quick play was a characteristic of Paul Morphy. When he occupied much time in analysing a position in a match the result was a series of rapid moves in carrying out the plan of attack evolved from the analysis. This method characterizes Dr. Zukertort's play.

It is not worth while to dwell at length on the fifth game of the series, inasmuch as there was nothing in the latter's plan of the day's campaign worthy of special note. Dr. Zukertort opened with the Queen's Gambit, which Mr. Steinitz declined, and after each had entrenched their kings by castling, and they began to manoeuvre for position. Zukertort soon exhibited superior play, and by the end of the twenty-fifth move had concentrated his forces on his adversary's left flank with dangerous effect. The position of the pieces up to Zukertort's fourteenth move, when he castled his King, was as follows:

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
Zukertort.	Steinitz.	Zukertort.	Steinitz.
1. P to Q4	P to Q4	8. K to K5	P to K3
2. P-QB4	P-QB4	9. B-Q K5	Q-Q3
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	10. B-Q2	R-Q3
4. P-K4	P-K4	11. P-K4	Castles
5. P x P	P x P	12. R-QB4	R x Kt(c)
6. Q-Kt3	Q-Kt3	13. P x B	Kt-K4
7. K-K3	Q-Kt3	14. Castles	

Black replies to White's castling with P to K3, and the game proceeds:

15. K-Q3/R to K3 16. P to K3 17. K-Q3/R to K3 18. K-Q3/R to K3 19. K-Q3/R to K3 20. K-Q3/R to K3 21. K-Q3/R to K3 22. K-Q3/R to K3 23. K-Q3/R to K3 24. K-Q3/R to K3 25. K-Q3/R to K3 26. K-Q3/R to K3 27. K-Q3/R to K3 28. K-Q3/R to K3 29. K-Q3/R to K3 30. K-Q3/R to K3 31. K-Q3/R to K3 32. K-Q3/R to K3 33. K-Q3/R to K3 34. K-Q3/R to K3 35. K-Q3/R to K3 36. K-Q3/R to K3 37. K-Q3/R to K3 38. K-Q3/R to K3 39. K-Q3/R to K3 40. K-Q3/R to K3 41. K-Q3/R to K3 42. K-Q3/R to K3 43. K-Q3/R to K3 44. K-Q3/R to K3 45. K-Q3/R to K3 46. K-Q3/R to K3 47. K-Q3/R to K3 48. K-Q3/R to K3 49. K-Q3/R to K3 50. K-Q3/R to K3 51. K-Q3/R to K3 52. K-Q3/R to K3 53. K-Q3/R to K3 54. K-Q3/R to K3 55. K-Q3/R to K3 56. K-Q3/R to K3 57. K-Q3/R to K3 58. K-Q3/R to K3 59. K-Q3/R to K3 60. K-Q3/R to K3 61. K-Q3/R to K3 62. K-Q3/R to K3 63. K-Q3/R to K3 64. K-Q3/R to K3 65. K-Q3/R to K3 66. K-Q3/R to K3 67. K-Q3/R to K3 68. K-Q3/R to K3 69. K-Q3/R to K3 70. K-Q3/R to K3 71. K-Q3/R to K3 72. K-Q3/R to K3 73. K-Q3/R to K3 74. K-Q3/R to K3 75. K-Q3/R to K3 76. K-Q3/R to K3 77. K-Q3/R to K3 78. K-Q3/R to K3 79. K-Q3/R to K3 80. K-Q3/R to K3 81. K-Q3/R to K3 82. K-Q3/R to K3 83. K-Q3/R to K3 84. K-Q3/R to K3 85. K-Q3/R to K3 86. K-Q3/R to K3 87. K-Q3/R to K3 88. K-Q3/R to K3 89. K-Q3/R to K3 90. K-Q3/R to K3 91. K-Q3/R to K3 92. K-Q3/R to K3 93. K-Q3/R to K3 94. K-Q3/R to K3 95. K-Q3/R to K3 96. K-Q3/R to K3 97. K-Q3/R to K3 98. K-Q3/R to K3 99. K-Q3/R to K3 100. K-Q3/R to K3 101. K-Q3/R to K3 102. K-Q3/R to K3 103. K-Q3/R to K3 104. K-Q3/R to K3 105. K-Q3/R to K3 106. K-Q3/R to K3 107. K-Q3/R to K3 108. K-Q3/R to K3 109. K-Q3/R to K3 110. K-Q3/R to K3 111. K-Q3/R to K3 112. K-Q3/R to K3 113. K-Q3/R to K3 114. K-Q3/R to K3 115. K-Q3/R to K3 116. K-Q3/R to K3 117. K-Q3/R to K3 118. K-Q3/R to K3 119. K-Q3/R to K3 120. K-Q3/R to K3 121. K-Q3/R to K3 122. K-Q3/R to K3 123. K-Q3/R to K3 124. K-Q3/R to K3 125. K-Q3/R to K3 126. K-Q3/R to K3 127. K-Q3/R to K3 128. K-Q3/R to K3 129. K-Q3/R to K3 130. K-Q3/R to K3 131. K-Q3/R to K3 132. K-Q3/R to K3 133. K-Q3/R to K3 134. K-Q3/R to K3 135. K-Q3/R to K3 136. K-Q3/R to K3 137. K-Q3/R to K3 138. K-Q3/R to K3 139. K-Q3/R to K3 140. K-Q3/R to K3 141. K-Q3/R to K3 142. K-Q3/R to K3 143. K-Q3/R to K3 144. K-Q3/R to K3 145. K-Q3/R to K3 146. K-Q3/R to K3 147. K-Q3/R to K3 148. K-Q3/R to K3 149. K-Q3/R to K3 150. K-Q3/R to K3 151. K-Q3/R to K3 152. K-Q3/R to K3 153. K-Q3/R to K3 154. K-Q3/R to K3 155. K-Q3/R to K3 156. K-Q3/R to K3 157. K-Q3/R to K3 158. K-Q3/R to K3 159. K-Q3/R to K3 160. K-Q3/R to K3 161. K-Q3/R to K3 162. K-Q3/R to K3 163. K-Q3/R to K3 164. K-Q3/R to K3 165. K-Q3/R to K3 166. K-Q3/R to K3 167. K-Q3/R to K3 168. K-Q3/R to K3 169. K-Q3/R to K3 170. K-Q3/R to K3 171. K-Q3/R to K3 172. K-Q3/R to K3 173. K-Q3/R to K3 174. K-Q3/R to K3 175. K-Q3/R to K3 176. K-Q3/R to K3 177. K-Q3/R to K3 178. K-Q3/R to K3 179. K-Q3/R to K3 180. K-Q3/R to K3 181. K-Q3/R to K3 182. K-Q3/R to K3 183. K-Q3/R to K3 184. K-Q3/R to K3 185. K-Q3/R to K3 186. K-Q3/R to K3 187. K-Q3/R to K3 188. K-Q3/R to K3 189. K-Q3/R to K3 190. K-Q3/R to K3 191. K-Q3/R to K3 192. K-Q3/R to K3 193. K-Q3/R to K3 194

BASEBALL.

FROM THE HUB.

I met Tim Donovan, the senior member of the intercollegiate corps of umpires last week. He is still connected with the U. S. Postal Service as a carrier, and faithfully carries on this occupation during this winter. In summer he also does more or less umpiring. He is decidedly the most popular umpire in New England, being well up in the rules, prompt, quick and decisive. He has been for five seasons on the college staff. Last year he was pressed into service for a few games by the New England League. Asking him about the matter of salaries, he says that, were the colleges aware of the fact that the umpires have been left unpaid for over six months, some action would have been taken. Captain Phillips of Harvard has already stirred himself in the matter.

An excellent suggestion was offered me the other day regarding the starting of a gymnasium by the Boston Baseball Association. Boston players for years past have been wont to enter the gymnasium in February or March, and prepare for a season of outdoor work. The favorite method of training has been at handball, which is of estimable value in fitting and developing the muscles of the hand and arm. This practice used to be obtained in the rooms of the South Boston Athletic Club, but this is no longer obtainable. There are several gymnasiums in this city, but none afford this valuable practice. An investment of this kind would redound greatly to the benefit of the club in the development of its players, and also financially, as a large number of amateurs as well as professionals would be glad to embrace such an opportunity.

It must have been very funny to have heard Lew Simmons of the Athletics offer President Soden of the Bostonians the services of Sadie Houck in exchange for those of Sammy Wise. "Not by a blessed sight," is said to have been the Puritanical answer of Boston's baseball saint.

It is said to have been as good as consummated, the transfer of Paul Hines from Boston to Washington. This will not be very acceptable to Boston patrons, who for a long time have cast longing eyes at Providence's crack batsman.

All about Boston's new pony nine is shrouded in mystery.

Murman (as he now spells his name) represented it at the meeting of the association, when A. G. Doe of Gloucester blackballed last season, was retained. The League rules were adopted, and the substitution of seven balls for six and a base for the hitting of a batsman by a pitched ball. The umpire's salary was fixed at \$100 a month, with no expenses allowed. The umpires will be assigned to games by lot.

The new manager of the Portland Club is Harry L. Spence, the veteran ball-tosser, who is well known to the profession. He played with the New Havens when they were a member of the Professional League in the days before '80.

A. C. Morse has resigned the presidency of the Boston Commercial Baseball Association. He worked up the scheme to its present dimensions, and through it introduced the strong amateur John L. Whiting & Son Club to notice. He has devoted much time and labor to the association, and finds it takes more time than he can spare. He thinks that the boys can now afford to run their own machine.

The Concord, N. H., nine has signed Terrien of New Bedford as catcher and Brennan of Lawrence as second-base. The president is J. C. A. Hill.

Tim Murman has been mentioned in connection with the management of the following officers were elected and committees appointed: President, E. E. Murphy of Taunton; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Sheard of Taunton; Board of Directors—E. B. Duffie, Lincoln, Neb.; C. J. Canon, Omaha, and N. W. Alexander of St. Joseph, Mo. The committee on W. W. Waller of Denver, E. E. Murphy and N. W. Alexander. Visiting clubs will be paid a stipulated guarantee. The schedule committee will report at the next regular meeting of the league, which will be held March 3 in Omaha. The delegates returned home all well and favorably impressed with the treatment received in St. Joseph, and elated at the bright prospects in store for the League.

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

The adjourned meeting of the delegates to organize a Western League was held Jan. 19 in St. Joseph, Mo., with N. W. Alexander in the chair. St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Topeka, Omaha, Lincoln, Denver and Pueblo were represented. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, and the reports of the different committees heard and adopted, the delegates were elected and committees appointed: President, E. E. Murphy of Leavenworth; vice president, W. J. Sheard of Topeka; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Sheard of Topeka; Board of Directors—E. B. Duffie, Lincoln, Neb.; C. J. Canon, Omaha, and N. W. Alexander of St. Joseph, Mo. The committee on W. W. Waller of Denver, E. E. Murphy and N. W. Alexander. Visiting clubs will be paid a stipulated guarantee. The schedule committee will report at the next regular meeting of the league, which will be held March 3 in Omaha. The delegates returned home all well and favorably impressed with the treatment received in St. Joseph, and elated at the bright prospects in store for the League.

THE EASTERN NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

A meeting Jan. 20 in Boston, Mass., for the purpose of revising the constitution and by-laws. The changes made were that seven balls will be called struck by a pitched ball, and that a batsman is before a batsman takes his base. If a batsman is before a batsman takes his base, he is entitled to a base. The umpires will be appointed by the board of directors on the last Saturday of each month, being drawn by ballot, such drawing not to be disclosed, and the umpire selected shall be notified in season to reach the city by the last of the season. The season will open May 1 and close Oct. 2. Any games tied or remaining unplayed shall, by order of the secretary, be played on dates assigned after Sept. 15. The following clubs were represented: Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill, Brockton, Portland and Newburyport.

AN EXCELLENT ANSWER to the scoring rules has been suggested by the Philadelphia Press. The idea is to give a batter credit for every time he strikes a man on bases one bag further, so long as it is not a safe hit. A sacrifice hit is not as good as a safe hit, yet better than a strike out or no hit at all. Hence, it is suggested that the batsman be credited with a run for every time he strikes a man on bases one bag further, so long as it is not a safe hit. The new column in the published score is to be called "batter's assists" from the fact that a long hit caught by the outfielders or a sacrifice hit is in reality an assist in batting.

THE TEAM TO REPRESENT OREGON in the New York State League included three of last year's players: V. E. Sweeney, pitcher; Shoupe, short-stop; and West, center-field. Crosby of the Birmingham and Christman of the Henley Club of Richmond, Ind., will be the catchers. Mattimore of the Trenton team will be one of the pitchers. Morrissey of Larkin and McCracken of the Birmingham will respectively play third base and left-field, with Walsh of the Albany, right-field, and a second baseman, who is yet to be engaged.

THE DENVER (COL.) CLUB has reorganized and elected the following officers: President, Geo. E. Higgins; secretary, Wm. McCulloch; treasurer, E. C. Leachman; Manager, W. W. Wallace. It is expected that Denver and Pueblo will be included in the Western League, composed of clubs from towns in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to organize a Gulf League in the South. This will include Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La.

STATE LEAGUES will be numerous this coming season. There is no reason why every State should not have its league, irrespective of the larger professional associations.

THE VERNON CLUB of Brooklyn is making an effort to get up a good amateur league for Prospect Park to include the best clubs of the Long Island and Brooklyn Amateur Associations.

DAVE OAK signed with the Metropolitan Club Jan. 23, and Secretary Williams is once more happy.

ROBERT GREER, the baseball editor of the Buffalo Express, called at THE CLIPPER office Jan. 25, in company with Manager Chapman. He expressed himself as strongly in favor of consolidating the clubs of the New York State League with the Canadian clubs, and thus forming an International Association.

ALFONSO MARTIN, the pitcher of the old Mutual nine, who used to be the best batsman in his day by his strategic delivery, is ambitious of becoming the manager of a professional team. He would like to go South or West. Martin has experience and judgment, and would make a capital manager. JAMES JACKSON is organizing a professional team to represent Troy, N. Y., on the diamond in 1886. He has leased the West Troy grounds for a term of years, and has secured ample financial backing. He purposes offering liberal inducements to National League clubs to play in Troy.

THE YORKVILLE CLUB of this city would be pleased to hear from all amateur clubs. The Yorkvilles have strengthened their team and expect to make a fine showing. All communications should be sent to Jas. J. Morris, 1490 Second Avenue, city.

THE STATEMENT that Dan O'Leary had been engaged as manager by the Nationals of Washington is officially denied. The names of Jack Chapman, Joe Start and Tim O'Leary have also been mentioned in connection with this position.

THE BROOKLYN nine for 1886 will be Harkins, Peoples, Phillips, McCall, Pinkney, Smith, Porter, McTamany and Swartwood. The change pitchers include Porter, Toole and Terry, and the change catchers Oldfield and Schriver.

GEORGE S. APPLETON—brother of Walter Appleton and one of the original stockholders of the Metropolitan Exhibition Company—died after a brief illness Jan. 16 at his residence in this city. His face was a familiar one at the Polo grounds.

JOE QUEST signed with the Athletics last week and will take Stricker's place at second-base. The Athletics had a colored bat-carrier called "Joe Quest" in 1883, when they won the championship.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE is to have a good nine this season, and Manager Mutrie has been engaged to coach the collegians, who will have permission to practice at the Polo grounds.

THE KANSAS CITY CLUB will be admitted to the National League. Ted Sullivan's club is a distinct organization, and will probably join the Western League.

THE CUBAN CHAMPIONSHIP season commenced Dec. 28 in Havana, the Almendares then defeating Boccaccio by a score of 5 to 3. The other contestants are the Habana, Fe and Union Clubs.

JACK LYNCH says that the Mets are going to do their level best to down the New York team next season.

BREANNON's professional bureau is now in successful operation. He finds places for professionals all over the country.

HARRY WELSON, a well known newspaper-man of Cincinnati, has been appointed secretary of Von der Ahe's St. Louis Club.

JAMES MCCORMICK will again be one of the pitchers of the Chicago Club, having signed Jan. 15.

THE PROVIDENCE CLUB will enter the Eastern League and not the New England League.

THE METROPOLITAN CLUB's team as it now stands includes: Cushman and Lynch, pitchers; Robert, Reppel and Cushman, catchers; Nelson, short-stop; Burch, Roseman and Brady in the outfield, and McLaughlin, substitute. Three more players are to be engaged, including Mays, the Louisville pitcher, and another from the Louisville club, who played left-field for the Nationals of Washington, and had the best fielding average in that position, while ranking fifth in batting in the Eastern League. Crotty and McLaughlin, the other new men, played with the Louisville, the latter having but few games as a short stop or second-base man.

THE NEED of a beneficial association, composed of professionals, is much wanted, especially at the present time when three well known and deserving players and themselves in easily defensible positions. The late Walker, formerly first-baseman of the St. Louis and Brooklyn Clubs, is very sick in Brooklyn, and James Kennedy of the New York Times has consented to become the custodian of any funds that may be raised for him. Charles Foley, formerly of the Boston and Buffalo, has been ill for several months in Boston. Ed Whiting the catcher is in Louisville, and may be released. Guy Hecker is making efforts to raise a subscription to send Whiting home to Philadelphia.

THE OFFICIAL AGENCIES of the National League show the following players in the batting order: 1st, Walker; 2nd, Barnes; 3rd, 1877; 4th, White; 5th, 1878; 6th, 1879; 7th, 1880; 8th, 1881; 9th, 1882; 10th, 1883; 11th, 1884; 12th, 1885; 13th, 1886; 14th, 1887; 15th, 1888; 16th, 1889; 17th, 1890; 18th, 1891; 19th, 1892; 20th, 1893; 21st, 1894; 22nd, 1895; 23rd, 1896; 24th, 1897; 25th, 1898; 26th, 1899; 27th, 1900; 28th, 1901; 29th, 1902; 30th, 1903; 31st, 1904; 32nd, 1905; 33rd, 1906; 34th, 1907; 35th, 1908; 36th, 1909; 37th, 1910; 38th, 1911; 39th, 1912; 40th, 1913; 41st, 1914; 42nd, 1915; 43rd, 1916; 44th, 1917; 45th, 1918; 46th, 1919; 47th, 1920; 48th, 1921; 49th, 1922; 50th, 1923; 51st, 1924; 52nd, 1925; 53rd, 1926; 54th, 1927; 55th, 1928; 56th, 1929; 57th, 1930; 58th, 1931; 59th, 1932; 60th, 1933; 61st, 1934; 62nd, 1935; 63rd, 1936; 64th, 1937; 65th, 1938; 66th, 1939; 67th, 1940; 68th, 1941; 69th, 1942; 70th, 1943; 71st, 1944; 72nd, 1945; 73rd, 1946; 74th, 1947; 75th, 1948; 76th, 1949; 77th, 1950; 78th, 1951; 79th, 1952; 80th, 1953; 81st, 1954; 82nd, 1955; 83rd, 1956; 84th, 1957; 85th, 1958; 86th, 1959; 87th, 1960; 88th, 1961; 89th, 1962; 90th, 1963; 91st, 1964; 92nd, 1965; 93rd, 1966; 94th, 1967; 95th, 1968; 96th, 1969; 97th, 1970; 98th, 1971; 99th, 1972; 100th, 1973; 101st, 1974; 102nd, 1975; 103rd, 1976; 104th, 1977; 105th, 1978; 106th, 1979; 107th, 1980; 108th, 1981; 109th, 1982; 110th, 1983; 111th, 1984; 112th, 1985; 113th, 1986; 114th, 1987; 115th, 1988; 116th, 1989; 117th, 1990; 118th, 1991; 119th, 1992; 120th, 1993; 121st, 1994; 122nd, 1995; 123rd, 1996; 124th, 1997; 125th, 1998; 126th, 1999; 127th, 2000; 128th, 2001; 129th, 2002; 130th, 2003; 131st, 2004; 132nd, 2005; 133rd, 2006; 134th, 2007; 135th, 2008; 136th, 2009; 137th, 2010; 138th, 2011; 139th, 2012; 140th, 2013; 141st, 2014; 142nd, 2015; 143rd, 2016; 144th, 2017; 145th, 2018; 146th, 2019; 147th, 2020; 148th, 2021; 149th, 2022; 150th, 2023; 151st, 2024; 152nd, 2025; 153rd, 2026; 154th, 2027; 155th, 2028; 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HORSE AGAINST DOG.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Jan. 15.—Yesterday afternoon a fierce bull-dog and a victorious horse, belonging to a George Kunyon, a farmer of Stanley, engaged in a curious fight. The dog and horse were stable companions, but the latter had a strong dislike for the former. The mare broke her halter yesterday, and seized the dog in her teeth. The dog, however, was not hurt, and the horse's nose. The two animals were not thoroughly infuriated but fought vigorously. The dog would spring at its foe only to be sent flying clean across the barn. The wild neighs and kicking and barks attracted a number of people to the scene, but none dared to interfere with the frenzied combatants. The dog secured a firm grip on the horse's head, and was forced to be knocked against the sides of the building in the attempt to dislodge the horse to dislodge him. The mare finally lowered her head, and placing her forehead on the dog's body, literally tore it off. In one of its mad rushes the dog was seized by the mare and thrown nearly to the top of the barn. But it returned to the fight immediately. A second time the dog sank its fangs into the throat of the mare, and in attempting to reach the dog's head the horse fell directly on its forehead and crushed its life out. The victorious animal gave a shrill neigh, and turning, kicked the body of the dog until it was crushed into a shapeless mass. With a violent kick the mare dislodged the stable door and found the mare tottering about the edge, and from the loss of blood. Her legs and neck were horribly lacerated and the sinews laid bare, while her nose was almost gone. As the animal could not live it was shot. The mare was a valuable one, but so high tempered that none but her owner could appreciate her safety. She was prized very highly on account of its courage and usefulness as a watch-dog.

TALES OF THE SEA.

At noon on October 24, when ten miles south of Kaneland Island, in the Flores Sea, the steamship Hampshire sighted the track of a large whale, and about four hundred men were observed swimming in the water. The ship's course was immediately altered, and the men, ten in number, who were clinging to some bamboos which had floated from the wrecked vessel. A boat was lowered and sent on in charge of the second officer with four men. The men were picked up and brought on board the steamer. Examined, the men, on being questioned by Capt. Campbell, stated that they had been three days out from Labre Hadji, in Alas Strait, bound to Macassar, with a cargo of rice, and about 8 A. M. that day they were under full sail when, without the slightest warning, they were thrown into the water by a whale striking them underneath and smashing their vessel into splinters. The men, clinging to the water, saw some bamboos which were close by, and had been in that position some four hours before being sighted by the Hampshire. As the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's tugboat *Curious* was on her way down to Sagami on Nov. 30 a curious incident occurred. She was traveling at the rate of about 10 miles an hour, without any perceptible reason the speed suddenly dropped, and the indicator showed the same pressure of steam and the engines were working smoothly. One of the crew went forward, and on looking over the bow, discerned a large fish, which had been struck by the vessel amid in the centre, and was bent back slightly on each side. A boathook was brought and the fish secured. On sight under the gill, but was so heavy that it took a crew of four men to pull it on deck. It proved to be a fine specimen of the snail fish, and measured three feet four inches by two feet six inches.—*Northern Territory Times.*

AN OLD INDIAN CUSTOM.

Years ago the Passamaquoddy Indian custom was that if any Indian of that tribe killed a bear he must forfeit to the tribe the Indian equipment, and the chief of the tribe was to appoint one of the warriors to assist in the distribution of the spoils. The assembly in some large wigwam, all his warriors and the chief, gathered for the purpose of the distribution of the spoils, and the purpose in which the customary ceremonies would be held. When the bear meat was cooked the chief made a short speech, to explain the custom of the tribe, and then he appointed one of his warriors to sing a song, called we-winto-wa, a song of saluting song. During the singing the warriors occasionally uttered war-whoops. After the singing the chief spread a large sheet of clean birch bark in the center of the wigwam floor, then the warriors were invited to sit down. After the feast the bear's bladder, filled with bear oil, was placed in the hands of the warriors arose and tried to burst the bladder with their teeth. If he was green at the business and did not bite in the right place, the oil would spurt out of his face, causing a big shout and laugh, after which the ceremony was ended. The Indians of that tribe enjoyed themselves in those days in many different ways; game was plenty, firewood handy, and life easy and comfortable life was enjoyed.

FOXES FEEDING ON CHICKENS.—Parts of Sullivan County, N. Y., which are still sparsely settled, have been the scene of a series of attacks on farm animals have been killed by the figure and the fox. But Reynard's family still seems as large as ever. Some farmers have lost whole flocks of hens to say nothing of the large numbers of ducks and geese captured at night. At Old Morriston, in the neighborhood of Sagoy, George Hunter, a farmer, two weeks ago owned a flock of thirty and twenty-five chickens, and now has only two foxes having eaten the rest. Another farmer, who lives not far east of Hunter, has lost all his turkeys and a lot of his chickens, while still another resident of the locality has lost every duck and goose on his place.

FIGHT WITH A WILDCAT.—Wesley Clark of Chestnut, while passing through a piece of woods, on his dog, discovered a large wildcat perched on a limb of a tree. He went home and got on leaving his dog—a good fighter—on guard. On turning he fired at the wildcat, and brought it to ground. The dog closed with it, but was getting the worst of the fight, when Mr. Clark hit the wildcat on the head and broke the stock of his gun. Then, turning upon him, and tore his clothing as he neared him. He then fired again, and the gun barrel so violently as to knock it from him, and the dog at once seized it by the throat, and killed it.

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Our prayer has been heard. New-Yorkers are not to stand content with the Priscilla as a sample of their best efforts in yacht-building. They do not propose, either, to permit Boston to have a monopoly of the honors attaching to an earnest defense of the America Cup. They intend to build a craft that shall beat not only the Galata, as they are confident, but also the Puritan, as they hope. She is to be like the "Beano," with the chief exception that she will be longer, in the expectation that increased length will make her faster. A theory underlining her construction is that we do not yet know how fast yachts can be made to go, and in this sense the new boat is to be an experiment where she departs in slight degree from the Puritan. She will thus differ from the Priscilla, built upon "strictly scientific principles," which proved too great a weight for her to carry. She was, in truth, handicapped by an excess of brains, while the Puritan was in a measure a "scratch," and hence her splendid success. It delights us to be assured that yachtsmen hereabouts have resolved to compete with Boston for the privilege of furnishing the craft that is to defend the coveted cup, but we are sorry that she is to be so much like the Puritan. This is not because Boston is also to build another yacht, which may be different from the Puritan, and therefore speedier. The regret is due to the fact that everything in the yacht-line now building here, whether eighty feet long or but twenty, is modeled on the "Beano's" lines. Next Spring and Summer our waters will be boiling over with Puritan madness. Our yachtsmen might, while they are building, break up the monotony.

Coasting on the neighboring hillsides and down the steeply-graded thoroughfares of the Capital City has for years constituted one of the exhilarating pastimes for which the youth of Albany have manifested an especial fondness during the season of rubbers and rheumatism. That the sport commands many enthusiastic votaries is evident from the strength and brilliancy of the parade and carnival held there last week, a notice of which appears under head of athletics; but the importation from Canada of the more swiftly-flying toboggan promises to win many converts from the ranks of the boggy bob-sleigh brigade. The opening of the chute of the Ridgefield Athletic Association Jan. 18 marked the inauguration of the sensational sport there, and among the hundreds who for the first time enjoyed the indescribable sensation of being shot down a seemingly almost perpendicular inclined plane of glassy smoothness was Governor Hill, whose ride will doubtless give the pastime a boom.

It is poor comfort to young wives who wish to "have the house all to themselves," and the money likewise, to be informed, upon the authority of a London statistician who is probably a life-insurance actuary, that twice as few married men die between the ages of twenty and twenty-five years as bachelors between the same ages. Between thirty and thirty-five years of age the bachelors "cash in" at the rate of 1,500 in 100,000, and the married men "hold out" at the rate of only 900 in 100,000. There is consolation in everything, and wives can glean from the latter figures that the longer a husband lives the sooner he dies, whereas the bachelor is different. The reason is that, while it is only a question of time when a wife will worry her husband to death, it takes her about ten years to "get in" truly effective work. It is at thirty that husbands begin to wither.

HANLAN is quoted as saying that last season he expended over a thousand dollars, cold, for racing shells, and yet did not get one to suit him. This is rather severe on Ruddock, Waters and other noted builders who theretofore experienced no special difficulty in constructing a craft that fulfilled his requirements. Perhaps it is not entirely the fault of the builders that Edward cannot now extract the same amount of speed from his boats that he did in the days of his greatest glory. He has gone back to his first love, Warren of Toronto, whom he confidently hopes will turn out a craft for him in which he will again be able to "lick all creation."

W. G. GEORGE, the famous English runner, has been restored to health and consequent happiness during his sojourn in our model climate, and in another column formally announces his desire for a race with one or more of our best men. A match with the special object of his attention, L. E. Myers, is for obvious reasons out of the question, but William Steele or James Grant ought to be willing to give the Britisher a shake before he leaves our shores.

THE OWNER of that speedy specimen of naval architecture, the Stiletto, will have to look to her laurels. Yachtsmen up in Maine have in contemplation the building of a similarly-shaped craft 111 ft. long and 11 ft. beam, fitting it with a \$15,000 steam-engine which they expect will drive her twenty-eight miles in an hour, which, we believe, one mile better than is claimed for the Rhode Island craft.

JOHN LAWLER of Dublin, who claims to be the Irish handball champion, replying to the offer of Phil Casey of Brooklyn to match a 147-pound man against him to play a series of games for the championship and \$500 a side or more, says that he cannot consider Casey's proposition till after certain pending matches in Cork are decided.

THE sportsmen of Long Island intend to ask the Legislature to pass a bill against deer-slaughtering there during the next five years. Fire-lighting is to be heavily fined, unless it be indulged in indoors by cook or goodwife.

LAWRENCE BARRETT's throat has given out, because he has played too much with "Hernani," and he is advised to make a change of bill. Let him try "His Nannie" for a while.

STAKE NOMINATIONS.

Abundant evidence of the continued growth of turf interests in this country is afforded by the statements which appear in another column of the large number of nominations received for the fixed events to be decided at the announced meetings of Eastern, Western and Southern organizations. Chief among the number is the popular and liberal Coney Island Jockey Club, who can point to 1,100 entries for the nineteen stake races fixed for decision at the Spring meeting and 448 for the five important events programmed for the Autumn gathering by the seashore. For the chief two-year-old events at the latter meeting—the Autumn Stakes and the Great Eastern Handicap—the youngsters have shown up remarkably strong, the former having received 124 and the latter 133 nominations, representing nearly all the prominent racing establishments in the States. Information received from other associations shows that the fixtures to be decided at their meetings have received entries commensurate with their importance. For several years past there has been a marked increase in the number of races run each season, and this year will evidently not form an exception to the rule.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Champions in any branch of sport are not accustomed to send blasts of defiance to those occupying less distinguished positions. Ordinarily they are content to await challenges from aspirants to the honorable title they hold. Our present sculling champion, John Teemer, impatient of delay, reverses the order of things by throwing down the gauntlet to the rowing world at large. He expressed in his challenge a preference for Edward Hanlan or Jacob Gaudaur as an opponent, and the latter, through his lawyer, Col. St. John, has promptly picked up the glove. Thus, while our rivers are yet ice-bound and the dainty shells repose in their racks, the first important match of the season of 1886 may be regarded as good as made.

SKATING, which had been stopped in this vicinity by a warm rain, was resumed Saturday last, thanks to a decided drop of the mercury on the previous evening, and although snow on Sunday interfered somewhat with the sport, the fun goes on as we go to press. The ice-yachtsmen remain "as you were."

ZUKERTORT will enter St. Louis with the odor of triumph oozing from him. Chess may be a sneezing game; but four games to one are odds that are not to be sneezed at—at least, by Steinitz.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN has risen from the ranks to the dignity of co-manager of the minstrel troupe at whose entertainments he has for months been exhibiting his manly proportions.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, says an exchange, "has no taste for music." Maybe he plays the jewsharp, or perhaps he tongues the cornet.

OUR ANNUAL FOR 1886.

THE NEW YORK CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1886 is out. It contains all the records made during 1885 in athletics, rowing, on the turf, and elsewhere, as well as a full list of the best time on record, and the championships in all events.—*New York Times*.

THE CLIPPER ANNUAL, for 1886, has all the good points of former editions, coupled with many new and valuable features. Its chronologies are accurate and comprehensive, and its record-tables cover all sorts and styles of performance by man, beast, or machine. As a convenient and reliable hand-book of sporting and theatrical reference it has no equal.—*Spirit of the Times*.

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SWORD CONTESTS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED.

We have at last noticed that the official body of gentlemen whose duty it is to look after and protect the dumb beasts against the unmerciful attacks of human brutes have taken cognizance of the fact and have caused the arrest of a famous athlete (D. C. Rose) for a most wantonly and cruel assault on a sword contest. It was introduced by a celebrated Eastern all-round athlete, who at one time was in Her Majesty's service in Old England. Just as soon as the news circulated that a sword contest at a popular garden was a financial success, there appeared in the morning papers challenges and counter-challenges from French, German, Italian, Irish and Scotch swordsmen. (Of course all of them when in their native land held distinguished positions in their respective cavalry regiments.) Suffice it to say that not a single man excepting two of our regular army swordsmen, knew the first rudiments of sword exercise. Every contest brought before the public notice was nothing more than a downright fiasco; not a particle of science was manifested, although it was said that brute force was displayed on all occasions. The injuries inflicted by the sabres did not fall on the head or body of the swordsmen—it was the poor dumb beasts that had to stand the blunt, and it must be said that the condition of the horses after a sword contest was a sickening spectacle for any person to look at. Possibly, if not for the accident that happened at the last contest in this city, when one of the swordsmen's horses received a frightful gash on the head, almost severing the ear, the sword contests would have passed the attention of the officers whose duty it is to look after and protect that noble animal, the horse, from the ill-usage of human brutes. The whole affair was nothing but a money-making scheme. It was inaugurated for that purpose, and if there was no money in it the sport of seeing a poor dumb animal cut to pieces would have been stopped long ago.—*California Spirit of the Times*.

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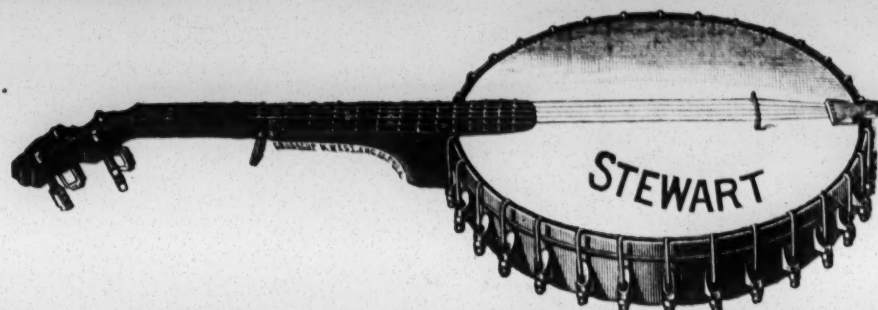
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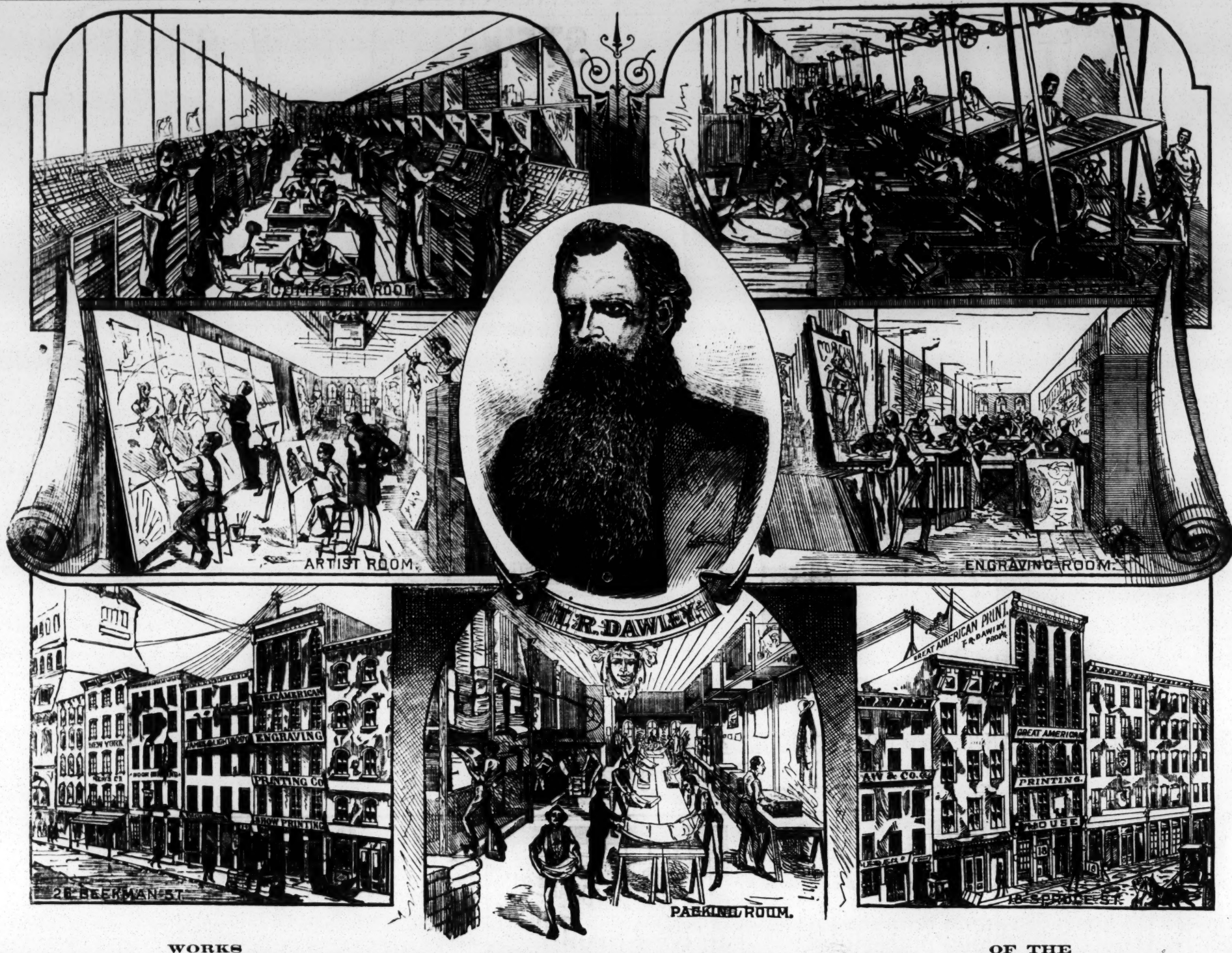
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